

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“The Final Four”
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Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

There are four end time events that give us hope for the future and reveal Jesus to us:

1. The Wedding Supper Of The Lamb – Reveals Jesus Loves The Church.

After this I heard what sounded like the roar of a great multitude in heaven shouting: **"Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God, ²for true and just are his judgments.** He has **condemned the great prostitute** who corrupted the earth by her adulteries. He has **avenged** on her the blood of his servants." And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." The **twenty-four elders** and the four living creatures fell down and **worshiped God**, who was seated on the throne. And they cried: **"Amen, Hallelujah!"** Then a voice came from the throne, saying: **"Praise our God**, all you His servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" Then I heard what sounded like a **great multitude**, like the **roar of rushing waters** and like **loud peals of thunder**, shouting: **"Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Revelation 19:1-6 (NIV)**

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the **wedding of the Lamb** has come, and **His bride** has made herself ready. **Fine linen**, bright and clean, was given her to wear." Then the angel said to me, "Write: **'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!'**" And he added, "These are the true words of God." At this **I fell** at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, "Do not do it! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the **testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.**" **Revelation 19:7-10 (NIV)**

2. The Second Coming Reveals Jesus Is Lord Of Lords Who Is Victorious

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a **white horse**, whose rider is called **Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire**, and **on his head are many crowns**. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a **robe dipped in blood**, and his name is **the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him**, riding on **white horses** and dressed in **fine linen**, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a **sharp sword** with which to strike down the nations. "He will **rule them with an iron scepter.**" He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. **Revelation 19:11-15 (NIV)**

On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.** And I saw an angel standing in the sun, who cried in a loud voice to all the birds flying in midair, "Come, gather together for the great supper of God, so that you may eat the flesh of kings, generals, and mighty men, of horses and their riders, and the flesh of all people, free and slave, small and great." Then **I saw the beast and the kings** of the earth and **their armies** gathered together to **make war** against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had **deluded** those who **had received** the mark of the beast and **worshiped** his image. **The two** of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulfur. The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh. **Revelation 19:16-21 (NIV)**

3 The Millennium Reveals Jesus As King of Kings Who Rules Perfectly

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the **key to the Abyss** and holding in his hand a great chain. **He seized the dragon**, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and **bound him for a thousand years**. He threw him into the Abyss, and **locked and sealed** it over him, to keep him from **deceiving** the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be **set free for a short time**. **Revelation 20:1-3 (NIV)**

I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given **authority to judge**. And I saw the **souls** of those who had been **beheaded** because of their **testimony** for **Jesus** and because of the **word of God**. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and **reigned with Christ a thousand years**. (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. **Blessed** and holy are those who have **part in the first resurrection**. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years. **Revelation 20:4-6 (NIV)**

- Why is there a millennium?

When the thousand years are over, Satan will be **released** from his prison and **will go out to deceive the nations in the four corners of the earth--Gog and Magog--to gather them for battle**. In number they are like the sand on the seashore. They **marched across the breadth of the earth** and surrounded the camp of God's people, **the city he loves**. **But fire came down from heaven and devoured them**. And the **devil**, who deceived them, **was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown**. They will be **tormented day and night for ever and ever**. **Revelation 20:7-10 (NIV)**

4. The Great White Throne Of Judgment Reveals Jesus Is A Just Judge

"Don't be so surprised! Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son. And they will rise again. Those who have done good will rise to eternal life, and those who have continued in evil will rise to judgment." **John 5:28-29 (NLT)**

Then I saw a **great white throne** and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. And I saw **the dead**, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the **book of life**. **The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books**. The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and **death** and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was **judged according to what he had done**. **Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire**. **The lake of fire is the second death**. If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. **Revelation 20:11-15 (NIV)**

- **How do you view Jesus?**
- **Are you certain that if you died today that you would go to heaven?**

My next right step, I will:

- [] Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- [] Join our Zoom Bible Study on the Book of Revelation-Tuesdays 6:30 pm
- [] Share a question about the end times:



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Small Group Study

Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage you to live like Jesus?

How has God blessed you so far in this study of God’s Word?

Icebreaker: Share what it was like to prepare for your wedding. If you are looking forward to getting married, share what you plan on doing to be prepared.

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Read Revelation 19:1-10

In contrast to the silence that comes with the fall of Babylon [18:22], what characterizes this new scene in heaven?

Who participates in the praises?

What is the most frequent phrase in the five songs?

How do you see Jesus’ response when He sees you face to face? Why?

What are three things to which you are extremely grateful to God for?

2. The Second Coming Reveals Jesus Is Lord Of Lords Who Is Victorious

Read Revelation 19:1-10

What regarding the horse, the rider and the setting commands your attention?

Why do you think it is fitting that Christ has a name that no one knows but himself?

What mysteries about Christ are you looking forward to understanding in heaven?

Who is following Christ?

Who are the combatants?

What will be the final end of evil?

Revelation 16:16-21

Revelation 17:14-16

Revelation 19:11-21

Revelation 20:7-10

Are these the same? What is different?

What hopes and fears does this triumphant picture bring out in you?

3 The Millennium Reveals Jesus As King Of Kings Who Rules Perfectly

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Why is Satan bound? How?

When and where do you think the Millennial reign of Christ will begin? Why?

What will life be like without Satan deceiving the nations, but the church reigning with Jesus instead?

What is the first resurrection?

What is the second resurrection?

Why do you think Satan will be released to try to deceive the nations?

What is the fate of the false prophet, the beast and Satan?

How is Jesus reigning in your life today?

What helps you to keep Him as the Lord of your life?

4. The Great White Throne of Judgment Reveals Jesus Is A Just Judge

Who is exempted at the great White Throne of Judgment?

How is God's judgment fair and true?

What do you find comforting in this passage?

What is the last great reality prior to the new age?

How confident are you in your salvation?

Why?

What can help you and others to be confident?