

Revelation Revealed 4 – A Revelation that Redefines

Don't be afraid of the book of Revelation.

Week 1 we told you **The Revelation is Jesus**

Week 2 we told you there is a reason for the mysteriousness of Revelation. **The Mystery is Tactical**

We talked about the **Mysterion**... The Secret Battle plans of God.

There are things in Revelation that are mysteries to us. When is Jesus coming back for us? What is all the symbolism in Revelation...? Some of these things are God's secret battle plans... He will only reveal them when the time is right.

Last week - week 3 we discussed **Satan's Mysterion**

Satan also has mysterious plans... But all of his plans are copycats of God's plan.

But when Jesus shows up in Revelation 19 He is called **Faithful & True**

When we see Jesus it will be a declaration that His every promise is True and He is Faithful.

We want to try to answer your **questions**. Please text them in 214 856 0550.

Today I want to finish up an idea that we stated last week. We told you that a Revelation of Jesus will change your present, transform your future, and redefine your past.

A Revelation that Redefines

Information can redefine... 6th Sense movie... The revelation of information at the end of the movie redefined the entire movie. You have to rethink the entire movie based on the new information.

Many people have trouble with the bible..

They read about Jesus rescuing the woman caught in adultery but then they read about the Old testament command to stone an adulteress.

He says I will never leave you or forsake you in the new testament but then in the Old testament we see the story of King Saul... how God had completely abandoned him.

We read that God is Love but then we see a God of war in the Old testament.

This has led many people to fall out of faith... It appears to be a contradiction.

This Jesus that shows up in the Gospels and comes to rescue the world from Satan in Revelation... This Jesus is new information. Remember how the twist end of a movie like 6th Sense changed the entire movie. A Revelation of Jesus redefines the past.

When Jesus came He set us free from the law of sin and death... He redefines this picture. Jesus shows us that Jehovah God was never wanting to destroy us. Jesus reveals that God was always wanting to set us free from death.

Jesus redefines everything in the Old Testament.

Colossians 2:17 These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.(NIV)

The things that happened before Christ were just a shadow... Not the actual object. Jesus Christ is the Object! He is the Reality.

Is Jesus Christ defining your reality today?

Hebrews 9:28 Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.(NIV)

Hebrews 10:1 The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming--not the realities themselves.

The Old Testament is a shadow... Jesus is the object.

This will never be clearer than when we see Him coming on the clouds at the 2nd coming.

We don't interpret Jesus through the Old Testament. We interpret the Old Testament through Jesus.

Will you let Jesus redefine your picture of God?

Jesus is the Clearest picture of God Revealed

Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being...

Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.(NIV)

People have weird feelings about God and religion... ...But when they see Jesus

Christianity has done a poor job of representing God... People have looked at churches and been disgusted... But when they see Jesus.

Jesus Redefines!

Is it any wonder that when Jesus shows up... Every Knee will bow and every tongue proclaim.

When we see Him... Really see Him... Christian and atheist alike will bow down and confess.

I said last week that God's every motivation is Love.

Love Motivation

That sounds nice, but if you are anything like me you might have said "wait a second"

"We just read about the judgment of Revelation and the Wrath of God... That doesn't sound very loving."

I understand why you would think that. But I stand by the statement – God's every motive is Love.

Let's talk about the wrath of God poured out from the bowels.

What if I told you God's wrath was really a collection of our wrath?

Revelation 18:8 Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her: death, mourning and famine. She will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.(NIV)

Revelation 18:20 Rejoice over her, O heaven! Rejoice, saints and apostles and prophets! God has judged her for the way she treated you."(NIV)

Revelation 16:4 The third angel poured out his bowl on the rivers and springs of water, and they became blood.(NIV)

Revelation 16:5 Then I heard the angel in charge of the waters say: "You are just in these judgments, you who are and who were, the Holy One, because you have so judged;(NIV)

Revelation 16:6 for they have shed the blood of your saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink as they deserve."(NIV)

In heaven it is seen that God collects the prayers of His people.

Cornelius's prayers and offerings came before God as a memorial. God collects your prayer...

But He obviously collects our wrath also. We are storing up wrath with our unrepentant ways. And the bowls are revealed to be what Babylon had stored up.

Romans 2:5 But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.(NIV)

God isn't mean and vindictive, but He is just and you will reap what you sew... But He is loving even when pouring out judgement.

All throughout he gave chances to repent... We have a chance today to repent.

Spiritual Akido

God Loves you. You can see that clearly in the face of Jesus.

Musician

What about hell? How can you say God is loving when there is a Hell?

Hell is a place created for Satan. It is a place for anyone who doesn't want a dwelling place with God. God loves you but won't force you to spend eternity with Him.

Heaven is a place for those who want to be with Jesus.

Heaven is a place for you because God wants to spend eternity with you.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.(NIV)

Revelation 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."(NIV)

Revelation 21:5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!"

He redefines. He wipes away every tear. He says no more death, crying, or pain. He makes all things new.

When we see Jesus He changes everything. Do you want to see Him? Do you want Him to come fix this broken world? Do you want Him to make all things new.

As we come to the altar today I want you to pray the last prayer in your Bible...

Revelation 22:20 "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come Lord Jesus... Come make all things new.
Redefine my world.

Questions

1. Did God create Satan, and therefore everything bad?
2. The New Jerusalem is 1,400 miles tall. The international space station orbits at 440 miles. Why so tall?
3. Revelation 22:2 mentions a tree of life. Is this the tree of life from the garden of Eden? What is it's purpose?

Genesis 3:22 He must be allowed to Live forever

4. Why does God lock Satan up for 1000 years and then let him out and then throw him in the lake of fire?

He uses Satan.

Opportunity. Grace

5. What is the 1000 year reign about?

Relationship – Garden of Eden fulfillment - reward

6. What is Gog and Magog referring to?

Gog a person – Leader of an army. Magog a location – named after grandson of Noah

Devil deceives them. They surround the city of New Jerusalem to attack. Fire devours them.