



Series: “Signs of the Apocalypse”

Week 1 (4/21/24) – Apocalypse Now

Revelation 1:1-3 (NIV)

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ²who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. ³Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Galatians 1:11-12 (NIV)

¹¹I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin. ¹²I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.

Questions:

1. Why do you think people throughout time have been fascinated with apocalyptic media and talk of the end times?
2. What wild predictions have you heard about Christ’s second coming or about the end of the world?
3. What thoughts or images come to mind when you hear someone mention the Book of Revelation?
4. Why do you think so many people avoid, or are afraid of, this book today?
5. As we enter into this series, what excites you, what scares you, and what piques your interest to know more?



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6. The word “apocalypse” in a biblical sense is synonymous with “revelation” or “unveiling” as in revealing or unveiling an ultimate reality—speaking just as much to the present as it does to the future. How does this change the way you view the Book of Revelation as “apocalyptic”?
7. According to this week’s sermon, why do we read Revelation? (In other words, what is the ultimate purpose of this book for the reader?)
8. When has God revealed truth to you? What (do you think) was the purpose of God revealing this truth?
9. Fill in the blanks from the sermon:

The Book of Revelation is a _____ in that it reveals truth and p_____ in that it is a message from God. It reminded the first century Christians who t____ were, who G__ is, and what H_ has called them to b_ and d_ in the world.

10. A. What apocalypse (revelation) do you want God to give you today?
- B. What apocalypse (revelation) do you want God to give us as a church?
- C. How open are you to having these two apocalypses change you—your perception of things and your priorities? What might this mean for your faith and your discipleship? What might this mean for us as a church?