



Series: “Signs of the Apocalypse”
Week 2 (4/28/24) – The Return of the King

Revelation 1:10-20 (NIV)

¹⁰ On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, ¹¹ which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

¹⁹ “Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later. ²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Revelation 4:8 (NIV)

⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying: “‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.”



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Revelation 5: 5-6 (NIV)

⁵Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

Questions:

1. Is there anything from last week’s sermon or group discussion that you have continued to be thinking about this week? If so, what?
2. How has God been speaking to you since we last met?
3. When has God spoken truth and love to you—or used someone else to speak truth and love to you—that has challenged to you grow?
4. Tell of a time when you received reassurance from God. What were you going through and how did God show you he was still there?
5. Have you ever experienced persecution? If so, how did you respond?
6. Recall a time when you have been tested by the outside world in your faith. What message did God give you during this time?
7. How does the message God gave you when you were tested compare to the message God gave the seven churches in Revelation when they were being tested? (General pattern = Reassurance, Commendation, Correction, Hope)
8. Describe a time when you, like John in the book of Revelation, were overwhelmed—in awe and wonder—by something you saw and it compelled you to worship?



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9. How was worship described in the sermon?
 - Note to leader: Comments may include, “an encounter with God”, “something we do with all our lives”, “ascribing worth to God”, “a response to seeing God.”
10. What role does worship play in your life? How does worship strengthen your faith?
11. In what areas of your life do you still need to lean into worship, using Christ-focused hope to resist fear and anxiety and live with boldness for whatever comes your way? In other words, what does “choosing the way of our Lord” look like for you?