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Christ Comes Back

But He May Not Be Exactly What You Expected

19:11 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. 12 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. 13 He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. 15 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. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

17 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, 18 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."

19 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. 20 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. 21 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. (NIV)

1. Surprise!

A. *An Unexpected* _____

B. *An Unexpected* _____

C. *An Unexpected* _____

2. Pointers for the "Well-Informed"

A. *Present a* _____

B. *Get All of This* _____

C. *In Your Life* _____

D. *Learn to Value* _____

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. It is recommended that you take time this week to write out your response to each of these questions. This will help to drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

1. After focusing on "the other side of Christ", how out of balance would you say your view of Christ has been lately?

Why is it important to bring into the picture of the "other side of Christ" when talking to non-Christians about Jesus and sharing the gospel?

2. As we get comfortable with the sin in our world (and sometimes even in our own lives) we can lose perspective and read a passage like Revelation 19 or Hosea 1 and be shocked by God's response to people's "mistakes". How can we keep the absolute purity and perfect holiness of God clearly in view in our daily lives?

Why is this so important to keep in mind in our own battles with sin and temptation?

3. Jesus obviously does not think that a one-eyed man will not look at a woman lustfully. What then do you think Jesus was getting at when he said what he did in Matthew 5:28-29?

What "little sins" have you been overlooking in your life as "inconsequential"? What does our current study do to change your perspective?

What do you think you should do about the particular "little sins" you see in your life? What will you do? Be specific.

4. The most amazing thing about our passage, when rightly understood, is that we *all* are not a target of God's just warfare! How often do you find that you ponder the love of Christ that redirected the wrath of God that you rightly deserve?

What can you do to better and more often relate to the words of Carl Boberg's 1885 hymn which says, "*And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*"?