

This morning, I am continuing through my sermon series on the Book of Revelation, the final book in the Bible. We will be in chapters 19-20 today. We will spend two more weeks in Revelation on chapters 21-22, and then have a Sunday where we summarize and give an opportunity for testimonies.

Revelation was written by John and was intended primarily for 1st century Christians, to encourage them as they underwent intense persecution and suffering at the hands of the Roman Empire. **As we near the end of Revelation, I want to summarize in a little more depth how I have approached understanding this book to hopefully help you as you read Revelation.** As I have mentioned every week, the key to understanding Revelation is to read it according to its genre, apocalyptic literature, which is literature where matters of the future or the spiritual realm are unveiled, usually through the agency of angels, in visions, lurid colors and with many crazy symbols and numbers. Let me unpack four elements of that for you that I think are important when reading Revelation:

- 1) **John literally sees symbolic visions** – John literally sees things that are meant to symbolize what will happen. Jesus with a sword in his mouth. Babylon the prostitute. Jezebel. Four living creatures, 24 elders, voices like rushing waters, white horses. But all of the details of these visions are meant to be symbolic about what will take place. Jesus with a sword coming out of his mouth symbolizes that God is the judge, NOT that he has a literal sword coming out of his literal mouth. Babylon the prostitute refers to any worldly kingdom that seeks to seduce and oppress God's people, from Rome on down, not to actual Babylon. The four living creatures represent all creation. The 24 elders represent the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles, which in turn represent all the Old and New Testament people of God. And so on. **This applies to numbers as well** - time, times, and half a time. 42 months. 3 ½ years. 10 days. 1000 years. 4 living creatures. 24 elders. In my opinion, none of this is meant to be taken literally. This is important, because often somebody who interprets Revelation like this can be accused of not taking the Bible literally, as if I am some liberal Christian, when in reality, I believe I am being faithful to read it according to its genre.
- 2) **John sees sequential, not chronological, visions** – In Revelation, John sees a series of visions. Some read it as chronological, with the visions outlining in temporal order what will happen – I saw this, and then I saw this, and so these things will follow each other in history. I disagree. I believe he sees vision after vision, but they are not meant to be taken as what will happen in chronological order. Instead, my understanding is that most of the visions

are of the same time period – the time between Christ’s first coming and his return – but with different details highlighted or from different perspectives. This is what is known as **recapitulation** – the visions restate what is happening in the same time period but from different perspectives or with different aspects highlighted. This is why so often it seems like judgment happens, and then in the next vision we go through an event that leads to judgment again.

- 3) **Revelation uses typology** – John references many Old Testament people and events to illustrate what is happening. There are more OT references in Revelation than there are in any other NT book. He uses what is called “typology,” type means “in the spirit of.” For example, there will be false teachers who are a type of Jezebel, and nations that are a type of Babylon. The Bible is filled with typology. Think of John the Baptist, who was the Elijah who was to come. Is it actually Elijah, raised from the dead? No – John the Baptist is a type of Elijah, in that he comes in the spirit of Elijah. Is Jesus really David? No – he is a type of David, coming in the spirit of King David. Is Jesus really a lamb? No – he is a type of lamb, dying for the world in the spirit of a sacrificial lamb. Therefore, when we find names in Revelation – and we will find some in this section, like Armageddon, Gog and Magog – we need to go back into the Old Testament to understand what they mean.
- 4) **Revelation has multi-generational application** – Some think Revelation is entirely explained by 1st century events. This is called the preterist view. Some think it’s entirely about the end times. This is called the futurist view. Some think it’s the entire span from Christ’s first to second coming. I lean towards the last one. It is written to 1st century churches, and you can read much of Revelation and see it fulfilled in the 1st century. 666 – Nero Caesar; seven hills, could not buy or sell unless they had the mark of the beast. 42 months was the length of time that Nero persecuted the church. But you can also see the themes repeated throughout the span of church history, wherever wicked kingdoms try to oppress and seduce the people of God away from worship of God. And I believe there will likely be an end-times experience that will bring even greater fulfillment to these visions. As my seminary professor said when he taught us Revelation, **if the horns fit, wear them.**

With this in mind, let’s recap what has just happened in the previous chapters. John has seen a vision of judgment. Babylon the prostitute, representing Rome or any other worldly nation or kingdom that oppresses and seduces God’s people, has

been judged and destroyed. But John has still not seen a vision of the destruction of the unholy Trinity:

Beast – ungodly kingdoms and nations

False prophet – propaganda machine of those kingdoms and nations

Dragon – Satan, the devil, fallen angel bent on destroying God and His people

Chapters 19 and 20 will be visions that recapitulate the judgment of God on the evil of the world. Before we read, let me summarize the three things we will see in these two chapters:

Evil and death are destroyed forever

Everyone experiences the final judgment

The righteous are united with the Lord forever

Let's read Revelation 19 & 20:

Revelation 19:1 - 20:15 - *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, ² for 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." ³ And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever." ⁴ 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!" ⁵ Then a voice came from the throne, saying: "Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him, both small and great!" ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.** ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) ⁹ 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." ¹⁰ 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." 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}

Revelation 20:1 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶ 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. ⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ 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. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

Let me highlight the three main messages of this passage:

1) Evil and death are destroyed forever

The chapter begins with the multitudes in heaven celebrating the destruction of Babylon.

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, ² for 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." ³ And again they shouted: "Hallelujah! The smoke from her goes up for ever and ever."

Hallelujah is a Greek transliteration of a Hebrew phrase meaning “praise Yahweh,” praise God. After a description of the wedding of the Lamb, the union of Jesus with His people, which we will discuss later, we see a picture of Jesus that the 1st century people who met him would probably not recognize:

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.

This is the resurrected Jesus, with imagery showing Him as the divine judge, riding out with the armies of heaven to destroy the wicked nations with His Word. He has

blood on his garments, the blood of the wicked nations. He is coming as a warrior, and along with the armies of heaven, they destroy the beast and the false prophet and throw them into the fiery lack of burning sulfur, and all who belong to them are killed by the Word of God, the sword coming out of Jesus' mouth.

And then, in ch. 20, we have another vision, a recapitulation of ch. 19 that highlights a different aspect of God's final judgment. We see Satan, bound for a thousand years from deceiving the nation.

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ 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.

My understanding is that once again this is describing the church age – again, not a literal 1000 years but a figurative one. Remember in 2:10 the believers in Smyrna suffered persecution at the hands of the devil for 10 days; now the persecuted believers will reign for 10x10x10 years, 1000 years. (There is a lot of squaring and cubing going on in Revelation) In other words:

Romans 8:18 - *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth **comparing** with the **glory** that will be revealed in us.*

The martyrs who have been killed are enthroned in heaven, reigning with Christ, where they will never die.

⁴ 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.

Thrones are always in heaven, as are souls. This is not a literal millennial reign on earth in my opinion. This is the first resurrection, the souls who died in Christ, alive again and reigning with Jesus in God's holy heaven.

But in the end, before the second coming, Satan will be released and cause a great persecution.

⁷ When the thousand years are over, Satan will be released from his prison ⁸ 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. ⁹ They marched across the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of God's people, the city he loves.

This is what is known as the battle of Armageddon, previously referenced in 19:17-21 and **Revelation 16:13-16** - *Then I saw three evil spirits that looked like frogs; they came out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast and out of the mouth of the false prophet.* ¹⁴ *They are spirits of demons performing miraculous signs, and they go out to the kings of the whole world, to gather them for the battle on the great day of God Almighty.* ¹⁵ *"Behold, I come like a thief! Blessed is he who stays awake and keeps his clothes with him, so that he may not go naked and be shamefully exposed."* ¹⁶ *Then they gathered the kings together to the place that in Hebrew is called **Armageddon**.*

Armageddon means mountain (Ar) of Megiddo. In 2 Chronicles 35:22, Pharaoh Neco of Egypt kills King Josiah there. It's a mountain where wicked kingdoms come against the holy people.

Satan has been restrained from deceiving the nations, but now he will go out to do that. **Gog and Magog** are a reference to the final and most terrible persecution in the Old Testament, in Ezekiel 38 & 39, where numerous armies causes severe but brief tribulation before God gave His people a decisive victory. He will blind people to the truth and cause them to assemble together to annihilate the community of God's people on earth. Nations are gathered together in overwhelming numbers against God's people, but God destroys them and delivers His people.

But Jesus will destroy them, and the devil will also be thrown into the lake of burning sulfur.

But fire came down from heaven and devoured them. ¹⁰ *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.*

Evil is destroyed. And by the end of the chapter, the last enemy is destroyed:

¹⁴ *Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death.*

The lake of fire is not literal since Satan is a spiritual being. It is spiritual punishment. Unceasing torment. Unending conscious suffering. The second death is spiritual suffering, separation forever from God and His presence and all that is good.

Matthew 13:40-42 - *"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

It's like one of those movies where evil is finally destroyed and you can barely believe it.

In the spirit of Revelation, let me recapitulate and give a quick synopsis of the timetable here:

During the OT, the old dispensation, Satan is on the loose deceiving the nations. Salvation is limited to mainly the Jews. He is the accuser before God and there is no defense.

Acts 14:15-16 - *"Men, why are you doing this? We too are only men, human like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made heaven and earth and sea and everything in them. ¹⁶ In the past, he let all nations go their own way.*

Satan was deceiving the nations of the world. But as a result of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus has authority over death and Satan is cast down.

Revelation 1:18 - *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

Revelation 12:5-12 - *She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. ⁶ The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days. ⁷ And there was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels*

fought back. ⁸ But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹ The great dragon was hurled down-- that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

Matthew 12:29 - *"Or again, how can anyone enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man? Then he can rob his house.*

Because of Jesus' death for us, Satan no longer has any basis for accusation. He is bound from deceiving the nations so that the gospel can go forth successfully to the nations.

² He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³ 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.

Remember, this is not literal – there is no literal chain or literal key or literal Abyss. The language is describing how, **as a result of Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, Satan has been bound from his ability to deceive the nations.** He and his demons are still active on earth, but their power is limited. They can not deceive those who belong to the Lord. The gospel has been spreading to all the nations of the world since Christ's ascension, because Satan is bound from deceiving the nations.

While this is happening on earth, those who die in the Lord are in heaven with Him, souls separated from their bodies, reigning with Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:11-12 - *Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; ¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us;*

In the OT age Satan was able to delude the majority of Israel so that they could not fulfill their commission to be a salvific light to the nations. The nations remained in spiritual darkness. Now with the resurrection, Satan's veil of deception over the nations is lifted so that he can not stop the spreading of the gospel.

But as the end draws near, for some reason that I don't know, Satan will be released and deception and persecution and suffering will ramp up. It will seem that evil has won.

Revelation 11:7-13 - *Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. ⁸ Their bodies will lie in the street of the great city, which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days men from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. ¹⁰ The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth. ¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on. ¹³ At that very hour there was a severe earthquake and a tenth of the city collapsed. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the survivors were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven...*

Matthew 24:21-24 - *For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now-- and never to be equaled again. ²² If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive, but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. ²³ At that time if anyone says to you, 'Look, here is the Christ!' or, 'There he is!' do not believe it. ²⁴ For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect-- if that were possible.*

But after this short time, Jesus will return and destroy Satan and all evil, casting them into the lake of fire. We saw this in Revelation 11:17-18, and Revelation 14:14-20. There will be a final judgment of all people. The unrighteous will join the devil in everlasting torment. The righteous will be resurrected (the second resurrection) and have an eternal, bodily life. Heaven and earth will be one. And we will be with God forever on the renewed heaven and earth where there will be no more death, no more evil, and no more suffering.

Now, some of you may have noticed some of the things I did not say and which I do not believe are taught in Revelation. **There is no rapture of the church**, whereby believers are beamed up to heaven. I do not believe that is a Biblical doctrine, but is a 19th century invention that took off in popularity because of the Scofield Reference Bible, Dallas Seminary, Bible colleges, The Late Great Planet Earth,

and the Left Behind Series. There is no two-stage return of Jesus, a secret one where He comes for believers and then a second return at the end of time. And there is no literal millennium on earth where Jesus reigns in Jerusalem with believers before Satan is released and then the final end comes. I may be wrong, but I don't think so.

2) Everyone experiences the final judgment

¹¹ 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. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵ If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

There is a final judgment before the throne. Death is destroyed. All who are not saved are destroyed forever. The book of life was mentioned in Psalms, Daniel, Philippians, and earlier in Revelation:

Revelation 13:8 -All inhabitants of the earth will worship the beast-- all whose names have not been written in the book of life belonging to the Lamb that was slain from the creation of the world.

The book of life belongs to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain. If your name is written in heaven, you are saved.

Luke 10:17-20 - The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." ¹⁸ He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰ However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your **names are written** in heaven."

Are you saved?

Romans 10:8-10 - But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹ That if you

confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be **saved**.¹⁰ For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you **confess** and are **saved**.

When you stand before Him on that day, you will not enter heaven on the basis of your good works, but because you know Him.

Matthew 7:21-23 - "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?'²³ Then **I** will tell them plainly, **I never knew you**. Away from me, **you** evildoers!"

Do you know Jesus?

3) The righteous are united with God forever

⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.** ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) ⁹ 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."

We see in this passage great celebration, rejoicing, and union. We will talk more about this next week. The world ends with a wedding party, symbolizing the unity of mankind with the Lord and the joy we will have forever. He is the one who gives us our righteousness, our right relationship with Him.

Isaiah 61:10 - *I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

Notice the intimacy and deep loving relationship in the midst of suffering and persecution. The wedding of the Lamb in the midst of terrible battle and judgment.

Psalms 23:5 - *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

Let me leave you with two implications. The first is that we can trust in Him in the midst of the suffering, knowing that there will one day be a final end to evil.

Romans 8:18-23 - *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

We groan in this world, and the world groans along with us, longing for the day when evil will finally be defeated and we will be with the Lord forever. And secondly, we know that Jesus has been given all authority, so we are to be about spreading the gospel:

Matthew 28:18-20 - *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

So go and share the good news, knowing that Jesus has been given all authority.