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Revelation 22: 17 (ESV)

Who is Jesus:

- 1. Life
- 2. Death
- 3. Resurrection
- 4. Ascension

1. The Life of Jesus

- He came to show us the Father.
- He came to fulfill the law, not abolish it
- He was a servant- leader



⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

John 14:6 – 9a (ESV)

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

John 14:6 – 9a (ESV)

2. The Death of Jesus

 He was the perfect sacrifice, a Lamb without blemish

 He came to make us right and holy before a Holy God



1b ... I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of His robe filled the temple. ² Above Him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!"

Isaiah 6:1b – 7 (ESV)

⁴ And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: "Woe is me! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Isaiah 6:1b – 7 (ESV)

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs <u>from the altar</u>. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; <u>your guilt is</u> <u>taken away, and your sins are atoned for."</u>

Isaiah 6:1b – 7 (ESV)

^{22b} For there is no distinction, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25a whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith.

Romans 3:22b – 25a (ESV)

¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:15,16 (ESV)

⁸ Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. ⁹ And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.

Hebrews 5:8, 9 (ESV)

3. The Resurrection of Jesus

- Jesus conquered death and Satan – once and for all!
- Jesus fulfilled Scripture
- Final instructions to the disciples



⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.

John 20:5 – 9 (ESV)

⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ For as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead.

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Romans 8:11 (ESV)

3. The Ascension of Jesus

- He sent the Holy Spirit
- He makes intercession for us.
- He goes to prepare a place for us.
- He is seated at the right hand of God.



8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." ⁹ And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:8 - 11 (ESV)

10 And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven."

Acts 1:8 - 11 (ESV)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you

John 14: 26 (NKJV)

34b Christ Jesus is the one who died — more than that, who was raised — who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Romans 8:34 (ESV)

³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...

Hebrews 1:3 (ESV)

^{11a} In Him we have obtained an inheritance...

13 In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 1:11a - 14 (ESV)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come

John 16:13 (NKJV)

⁶ For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9: 6, 7 (ESV)

⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9: 6, 7 (ESV)

² The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

Isaiah 11: 2 - 5 (ESV)

^{4b} and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵ **Righteousness** shall be the belt of his waist, and **faithfulness** the belt of his loins.

Isaiah 11: 2 - 5 (ESV)

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Revelation 22: 17 (ESV)

Who is the Bride?

The Church, waiting for the return of the Bridegroom, Jesus



Parable of the ten virgins



¹ "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept."

Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (ESV)

⁶ "But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷ Then all the virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.'

Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (ESV)

¹⁰ "And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Matthew 25: 1 - 13 (ESV)

How do we wait well?

- Purify & Prepare ourselves
- By faithfulness
- In righteousness
- Dying to "self"
- Oil = filled and living by
 the power of the Holy Spirit



How does the Bride of Christ get ready and stay ready?



Our Problem: When we the Pride of

When we, the Bride, do not truly <u>know</u> Jesus intimately.

- False teachers and false teachings are tolerated in the Body of Christ
- Compromise is rife
- Self-realization vs. Self-denial

A Warning:

19b For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved. ²⁰ For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2 Peter 2: 19b - 21 (ESV)

A Warning:

²¹ For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2 Peter 2: 19b - 21 (ESV)

Our Solution:

³ His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, 4 by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1: 3 - 8 (ESV)

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with selfcontrol, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷ and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus is coming back for a pure and spotless Bride!



⁹ The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

2 Peter 3: 9 – 11, 14 (ESV)

¹¹ Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of **holiness and godliness**..

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by Him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

2 Peter 3: 9 – 11, 14 (ESV)

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time, now and forever. Amen.

Jude v 24, 25 (ESV)

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- Are you thirsty for Jesus and the living water He gives that will satisfy?
- Do you need to be filled again with the Holy Spirit?
- Do you need to repent of compromise?

Jesus is waiting for you, His Bride!



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