

Message Notes – November 24, 2024

*Give It Up For Jesus!**

Thursday, November 28

Jesus is described by John of Patmos as the faithful witness. This means that Jesus was a martyr who “loves us and frees us from our sins *by his blood*” (v. 5, emphasis added). The Greek word “witness” in our reading is *martus*. If you claim to believe in something, what is the ultimate test? You give your life to it and perhaps even die for it. A martyr is someone who bears the ultimate witness. Jesus is the ultimate witness of the resurrection life as he himself died and was resurrected! The eternal nature of Jesus gives credence to what Jesus lived, taught and died for and Jesus’ message is all about resurrection life! John makes it clear that Jesus was not only death defying but that he conquered death completely! This means life for each and every one of us as followers of Jesus the Christ Now that is something to live for and celebrate. What are your thoughts? Pray for the word to express your thankfulness for Jesus the Christ and write those words here. Have a very Happy Thanksgiving today!

Friday, November 29

Read Revelation 1:4a-8. Jesus’s resurrection means victory for us and we can witness to that victory every time a relationship is renewed, health is restored and we recognize beauty rising from the ashes of devastation and disappointment. It is a hopeful perspective on life which becomes our lifestyle as followers of Jesus the Christ. We can proclaim victory in our lives as we are assured of the victory of Jesus over evil as an ultimate reality.

We can’t just sit around waiting for that ultimate victory; we must work toward living a victorious life today! What does that look like in your life? What does victory look like within your family and circle of friends? What does that look like in your workplace? Contemplate what victory today looks like for you and write your reflections here.

- I. John of _____ is the author of Revelation and he has most definitely written the most _____ book of the Bible and perhaps some of the _____ literature ever written.
 - A. John is definitely of _____ Heritage quoting the Hebrew Scriptures over _____ times throughout Revelation.
 - B. So why are we considering this passage from Revelation now just before the Season of _____ leading into _____?
 1. The _____ is a pattern of scripture that follows and illustrate the life of Christ.
 2. We conclude on this last Sunday of the Christian year by celebrating Christ’s final _____ over _____.
 3. Today’s text is the Apostle John’s attempt to _____ Jesus Christ to his readers scattered throughout the Roman Empire.
- II. John argues that the Jesus he is now introducing is and has always been _____.
 - A. He _____ and _____ his introduction by stressing this point.
 1. This means that we can trust God’s _____.
 2. It means that we can find comfort in God’s _____.
 3. It also means on this Christ the King Sunday that we can tap into God’s unlimited _____ and _____.
 - B. John’s description continues. Jesus is also called the _____.

*Revelation 1:4b-8 and John 18:33-37

- C. The Apostle John's introduction of Jesus also tells us that Jesus was not only death _____ — he _____ death completely!
- III. The Revelation of John of Patmos proclaims the future _____ of Jesus Christ, when he will come again in power and glory to establish his kingdom on earth.
- A. The victory of Jesus over evil at the end of _____ affects my promotion of victory over evil _____.
- B. Christ's ultimate victory over evil should _____ each of us each day to seek victory over evil; a victory that is _____ by the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ.
- C. You want _____ in your life?
- a. Get to know Christ the King so that you can _____ him to others and share his victory – which is your victory – with them.
- b. As we approach the season of Advent, may we prepare to get to know _____ the _____ even better.

Daily Devotional Guide

The following is a daily devotional and study guide meant to enhance your understanding of the message and grow as a Christian.

It is offered for your personal reflection or to share with others.

Monday, November 25

Pastor Jack began the Message with a story of his introducing a notable Sociologist, Professor, Pastor and author, Tony Campolo. Tony is a winsome guy and there is a lot that can be said of him, but the purpose of Pastor Jack's story is to inquire about how you might introduce Jesus to others. What would you say? What highlights of Jesus' life would you lift up?

Now turn the situation around. What if someone was making an introduction of you? What would you want them to say? Think about these questions, pray for wisdom and write your thoughts here.

Tuesday, November 25

Read Revelation 1:4a-8. Here, John of Patmos is introducing Jesus to his readers who had scattered all over the Roman Empire. In this five verse introduction, John wants people to know just who Jesus is as he mentioned so many important things about Jesus. We will review the talking points of John's introduction of Jesus but first let's consider the overall impact of this last Book in our New Testament: The Book of The Revelation of John.

Have you ever read Revelation? It is a most unique and peculiar book in our Scriptures. It is mystical, scary and full of images that have been interpreted, reinterpreted and misinterpreted for centuries! Ultimately, it should be realized by faithful followers of Jesus the Christ that Revelation is a book of hope; originally meant for those being persecuted during John's time on earth it is also a book of hope for us today. Having heard the message from this past Sunday, have you formed any new opinions of The Revelation of John? Did you have an opinion of Revelation before the message? Have you, like so many others, avoided this part of scripture? Consider these questions and write your reflection here continuing to pray for God's wisdom.

Wednesday, November 27

Read Revelation 1:4a-8. John puts a great deal of emphasis on Jesus as the eternal Christ. This means several things that were discussed in the message. 1) This means that we can trust God's faithfulness, 2) It means that we can find comfort in God's constant presence and 3) It also means on this Christ the King Sunday that we can tap into God's unlimited power and resources. How important is the eternal nature of Jesus the Christ to you? Have you heard of this concept before? How do you reconcile the temporal nature of Jesus' presence on earth with his eternal presence as part of what we call the Godhead? This is some pretty heady stuff! Reflect on these questions and your message notes and write your ideas here.