The Jesus You Never Knew: The Return of Christ

Revelation: All Things New Series

Discussion Questions

- What events over the past year have caused people to fear the future or have a hopeless outlook on life?
- What image comes to mind when you think of Jesus?
 - Describe your own mental image but also the cultural caricature that is often painted of Jesus.
 - How do those images of Jesus address the fear and hopelessness pervasive in our culture?

• Read Revelation 19:11-12

- o How do we know this passage is describing Jesus?
- What is the significance of "a name written that no one knows but himself?"
 - NOTE: In the Ancient Near East, to know a deity's name was to be able to control that god. What does Revelation say about the sovereignty of God that "no one knows [his name]"?
- This passage gives us 3 names for Jesus. The first is found in v. 11:
 FAITHFUL & TRUE. What is the significance of Jesus being the faithful & true witness? (see Rev 1:5, 3:14 for further clarity)

Read Revelation 19:13-15

- What name do we see attributed to Jesus in this section?
 - How is this name seen in action in v. 15?
- What images describe a battlefield & what images describe a courtroom?
 - What is the significance of this mixed metaphor?
- o Whose blood is on Jesus' robes?
 - See Isaiah 63:2-4 for further clarity.

• Read Revelation 19:16

- o What name do we see attributed to Jesus in this section?
 - What does this name communicate about Jesus' character in comparison to other players in the book of Revelation (i.e. the dragon and the beast) and even in our world now?
- Reread Revelation 19:12- how do the "many diadems" elevate Jesus above the dragon and the beast of Revelation?

How do these 3 names change your view of Jesus?

- If "identity drives activity" how do we see Jesus' identity displayed in his activity in Revelation 19:17-21?
- When we have a more full view of who Jesus is and what he has done, it should change our outlook on the future. How does this image of Jesus give you hope?
 - Practically, how can we inspire each other to have greater hope this week than last week?
- In the Spiritual Growth Grid we say "who God is & what he does, drives who we are and what we do." Which of God's identities (king, father, savior) does Revelation 19:11-21 highlight? How does that determine who you are and how you live in response to the gospel this week?