



Sermon Series: The Messiah: God's Promise, God's Glory  
Sermon Title: The Victory of the King  
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**Revelation 11:15; 21:1–5**

**Big Idea: The King will finish what He started.**

This final message in the series focuses on the victorious return of Jesus, the promised Messiah. Scripture acknowledges that Christians differ on some end-times details, such as the timing of the rapture or aspects of the tribulation, but four truths remain universally affirmed. These truths form the foundation of Christian hope and shape the way we live in a world marked by uncertainty and brokenness. Jesus is returning visibly, Jesus will judge everyone, Jesus will resurrect all people, and Jesus will establish His eternal kingdom. These are the unshakable realities that anchor our faith.

### **1. The King Will Return Boldly and Visibly**

Scripture teaches that Jesus will return physically, globally, and unmistakably. His return is not symbolic or inward but an event the entire world will witness (**Revelation 11:15; 1 Thessalonians 4:16; Acts 1:9–11; Revelation 1:7**). Jesus' first coming was quiet and humble; His second will be unmistakable and authoritative.

Revelation emphasizes that when He returns, "the kingdom of the world" becomes "the kingdom of our Lord and of His Messiah" (**Revelation 11:15**). Every earthly power, government, and authority will give way to the rightful King. Philippians 2:10–11 highlights that every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus as Lord.

Believers are not waiting for an idea or a movement—we are waiting for a Person. Jesus will return to reclaim His world, end human history as we know it, and reveal His full authority.

### **2. The King Will Judge the Living and the Dead**

Jesus will judge every person who has ever lived—believers and unbelievers alike (**Revelation 20; Matthew 7:13–14**). Scripture teaches two distinct judgments.

For believers, the Judgment Seat of Christ evaluates faithfulness and obedience (**2 Corinthians 5:10**). This judgment is not about salvation—that was settled by Christ’s finished work—but about rewarding the ways His people lived for Him. Jesus will honor His followers, not condemn them.

For unbelievers, Revelation 20 describes the Great White Throne Judgment, where those who rejected Jesus face final separation from God. This judgment is sobering, and it reveals God’s perfect justice. Evil does not win. Injustice does not stand forever. No wrong is ignored, and no hidden act escapes the sight of the King.

This truth encourages believers. It reminds us that God sees every injustice and will set everything right. His judgment prepares creation for the world to come.

### **3. The King’s Followers Will Be Resurrected to Eternal Life**

Jesus will resurrect every person—some to life and some to judgment (**John 5:28–29**). For believers, this resurrection is the completion of God’s plan and the beginning of eternal joy. Jesus will transform our mortal bodies into resurrection bodies—real, physical, perfected, and fit for eternity (**1 Corinthians 15**).

Revelation 21 describes the moment when death loses its power. God fulfills all His promises through this renewal. Weakness, decay, and mortality are replaced with strength and immortality. What is buried in weakness is raised in power. What dies is brought back in unending life. This resurrection is the hope that sustains believers. Our present bodies and the brokenness of this world are not the end of the story. Jesus will finish what He began through His death and resurrection.

### **4. The King Will Reign Forever**

Revelation 21 gives a vision of the new heaven and new earth—a world fully renewed, whole, and completely free from the curse of sin. God will dwell with His people forever (**Revelation 21:3**). Every trace of pain, sorrow, and death will be removed by Jesus Himself (**Revelation 21:4–5**). This is not symbolic language; it is the promised future for every believer. The King will reign eternally, His people will live with Him

forever, and creation will be restored to what God always intended. This is the victory of the King and the hope that steadies us until He returns.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. How does the certainty of Jesus' visible return shape the way you view world events or personal struggles?
2. What emotions or thoughts arise when you consider the two different judgments described in Scripture?
3. Why is the resurrection of believers essential to the Christian hope?
4. Which promise from Revelation 21:1–5 encourages you the most, and why?
5. How does knowing “The King will finish what He started” challenge or strengthen your daily walk with Christ?