

Introduction

1. What are you going to do with Jesus today?

(1) Most important figure

(2) Most important decision

2. Some of you are going to become Christians today.

(1) Evangelist Perspective

(2) We're going to talk about JESUS! My favorite

3. Bible: 1 Person, 2 Parts

(1) Correlates w/ reality

(2) Physical Dominion, Spiritual

4. Satan & Demons

(1) Rebellion - cast down

(2) Bring Fight to Adam/Eve

(3) First parents voted on behalf of all humanity

5. The World is getting in the way. Part of Satan's strategy.

I. The Lion & The Lamb

1. Jesus makes war

- (1) Eat off his throne
- (2) Every temptation, test, tried

Revelation 5:5-6 - "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain...

1. John's Vision - most only see Jesus as Lion OR Lamb

see
'N
say

- (1) What does Lion say? ^{king of} Lives - jungle
Lion - tough (Eats - Costco)
towards proud, arrogant religious, men

- (2) What does Lamb say?
Lamb - tender
1. Count sheep

Tender
&
Tough

2. Vegetarians
3. Live wherever (homeless)
4. Attack nothing (pacifists)
5. Hippies!
6. Lamb to women, children

- (3) Is Jesus Lion or Lamb: yes

1. Jesus is a tough Lion for us
2. Jesus is a tender Lamb for us
3. He is a Lion in Hell
4. He is a Lamb ruling over Heaven

3. Lion or Lamb at Judgment?

(1) You will spend forever w/
Jesus. You will die!

(2) You will not give an account to mirror

John 3:36a - Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life...

(2) Not: good, moral, spiritual

(3) Most Important Question: Do
you believe Jesus is God? Yes

(4) This life is where you
make a decision & then
enter into your eternal life

4. As close as you'll get:

(1) C: This is as close to Hell
you will ever get

NC: This is as close to
Heaven as you'll ever get

(2) C: This is as bad, dark...

NC: This is as good, light...

II The Lion's Wrath

John 3:36b - ...whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Let's talk about the wrath of God

1. Hypocrites Filled w/ wrath

(1) We're pouring out our wrath everyday

1. We think those that have wronged us are so bad & we're so good

(2) But God is love?

1. Lion AND Lamb
(wrath) (love)
2. #1 attribute - wrath
20⁺ different words on more than ~~600~~ occasions

2. Righteous Wrath

(1) A loving God must deal w/ sin & rebellion, folly & death

(2) You believe if a crime is committed against you:

1. Cops should be called
2. Jury convened
3. Judge preside
4. Verdict rendered
5. Sentence served

- (3) We don't like His wrath because we're the criminals
1. Victims want justice

3. Expressions of God's wrath

(1) Passive Wrath

Romans 1:24 - God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity....

Romans 1:26 - God gave them up to dishonorable passions....

Romans 1:28 - God gave them up to a debased mind...

You think:

1. God musn't care - didn't do anything
2. " " " exist - he doesn't stop me
3. " " changed His mind - didn't intervene
4. You're experiencing the passive wrath of God

John 13:27 - Jesus said to [Judas], "What you are going to do, do quickly."

5. The person who gets to do whatever they want = passive wrath
6. Lasts for a season and culminates w/ the...

(2) Active Wrath

Romans 2:5 - But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

1. No one is getting away w/ anything, but storing up wrath (passive) for the day of judgement (active)
 - + Passive = do what you want
 - + Active = consequence eternally

2. Bible = Cup language
Two ways to empty:
 - + Jesus drinks as eternal God
 - + you drink for an eternal time

Most important decision

Luke 22:42 - "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done."

Cup so strong, he sweat blood

3. That was your cup!
With your name. In it:

+ Sin, folly, rebellion

+ Independence, stubbornness, pride

+ Sins of thought, word, deed & motive

+ Sins of commission/omission

All your

4. If you reject His offer to drink, as an eternal Guel then, it is both necessary & just that do it for yourself for an eternal time.

3. And that is Hell.

4. Hell, the Eternal Drink

- Don't like talking about
- (1) This is not a sales pitch!
 - (2) Conscious, eternal torment & justice
 - (3) When you reject Jesus, you will be handed that cup in a place called Hell

Matthew 25:41 - "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels.'"

- (4) Eternal = forever!
- (5) Prepared for Satan & his angels
- (6) Not annihilation!

Revelation 14:10-11 - he also will drink the wine of God's wrath, poured full strength into the cup of his anger, and he will be tormented with fire and sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name."

- (7) Suffering & Torment, no rest.

5. Jesus Rules, Not Satan

- (1) Jesus = Heaven
Satan ≠ Hell
- (2) Jesus as Lamb over Heaven
" " " Lion over Hell
- (3) Satan will not be a King & not have a Kingdom.
- (4) Hell will not be fun!
+ Heaven for climate, Hell for the company
+ Dry heat
- (5) One way or another you will be Looking at Jesus forever
 1. Great Joy or Grief
 2. Great Blessing or Judgment

6. Red Letters?

- (1) Jesus talks more than anyone
- (2) 1326 of His words
- (3) Much of His parables = Hell

7 Gehenna Metaphor

(1) Live in city → filled w/
presence of God as its
center

1. People of God; Presence
of God; Praises to God

(2) Outside of the city
on other side of walls
was a garbage dump
called Gehenna

1. Disregarded bodies,
trash was all sent to
Gehenna

(3) Night — see flames
burned day and night
& smoke rises continuously

1. Same language Isaiah
uses in last Ch. of
his book
2. Same " " " Jesus uses
on 11 different occasions
3. People of God; Presence
of God; Praises to God

1. Or Garbage heap of history

III. Battle for The Throne

Revelation 20:11-12 - Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. From his presence earth and sky fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne...

1. This is where the fight started & continues

(1) Satan → God off, me on

(2) Adam/Eve → " " " "

(3) You → " " " "

1. you should be highest authority

2. you should live independently

3. you should sit on the throne over your life

4. you should give an account to no one, others should give an account to you

5. you will be judged by no one, others will be judged by you

6. It's all demonic

+ Satan counterfeits what God creates

If you are on that throne you are in great danger

(4) Throne = few hundred x's in Bible (65 in NT; 2/3 in Revelation)
History moving towards a throne

2. Objections To Hell (I can see it)

(1) Hell is cruel

1. Sin must suffer
2. Do you even want to be w/ Jesus

(2) Hell is intolerant

1. Yes, rebels not welcome
2. College is where we learn
3. Org = agree to terms to be part

(3) Hell is unloving

1. I have daughters = trouble
2. They feel loved; predators won't
3. God says: You can't do that forever

(4) Hell is exclusive

1. Narrow door; I am the way
2. You have a door
3. Invites enemies to his house

3. Jesus Gets Off His Throne

Revelation 19:11-16 - Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Elections

(1) First time as Lamb,
Second as Lion

War → 1. Against Satan, sin, & death

Conclusion

1. New Heaven & Earth & Jerusalem

Revelation 21:1-5 - Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

2. The Face of Jesus

1 Cor 13:12 - For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

3. Sitting on the Throne Rightly

1 Corinthians 2:9 - "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"

Revelation 3:21 - The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne.

Revelation 5:10 - "and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

1 Corinthians 6:3 - Do you not know that we are to judge angels? How much more, then, matters pertaining to this life!

Romans 16:20 - The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

4. Cancel Culture

- (1) All demonic spirits, forces, works & effects... cancelled
- (2) All debts, transgressions, sins, penalties... cancelled
- (3) All fear, shame, guilt & death... cancelled

