



Sermon Growth Guide

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Future Jesus – Jesus Isn't Finished

Revelation 1:4-8

Key Verse: Revelation 1:8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Big Idea: Knowing that future Jesus is alive and victorious changes how I live today.

Foundations

Are there any sports fans in your Life Group? Pastor Tim invites us to imagine that we're a famous athlete. If we knew we were going to win, would that knowledge change the way we play the game? You bet! We would have the utmost confidence throughout each circumstance, even if things felt momentarily defeating.

Today is week one of our new series, **Future Jesus**. Tim writes, “We don't know what the future holds, but we know Jesus is there, and that gives us peace today.” Knowing that future Jesus is alive and victorious changes how we live each and every day.

For five weeks we will look into some of the most cherished images from the book of Revelation. These images offer hope and salvation in the midst of suffering within a shaking world. We see future Jesus, exalted and victorious. We live our each and every today in faithful response to Jesus' forever reign.

As we enter these five weeks in Revelation, pray for one another. Pray that God will guide and guard you through these passages. Begin your time together in prayer, rejoicing together that Jesus is not just past or present, but also that King Jesus reigns forever in complete sovereignty. Ask God's Spirit to guide and guard your time together, to grow you even more into the likeness of Christ.

Understanding God's Word

How is Jesus described in verse five?

What purpose does God have for His people according to verse six?

According to verse seven, who exactly will see Jesus when He returns?

Applying God's Word

Knowing that future Jesus is alive and victorious changes how I live today. We know who is in charge and who will reign forever and that does not lead to sloth, but to excitement and energy. Paul writes in Philippians 3:13-14, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

How might your daily actions better reflect your understanding that Jesus is Lord eternal? What things become more important? What things become less important?

Witnessing God's Word

Identify one person you are likely to see this week who does not yet know that future Jesus is Lord of All. Ask God for an open door to connect with this person, that one day soon this person will receive the love of Christ.