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Revelation: The Walking Dead **January 17, 2016**

Read Revelation 20: 11-15.

Main Idea: We will all face the judgment of God, but the difference of your sentencing is whether you lived with true purpose (lived for Jesus) or not. (verse 13)

- When you accept Jesus, your name is written in the Book of Life.
- We are judged according to what we have done – Faith + Deeds. (James 2)
- Jesus covers our judgment, takes away our fear of it, and gives us freedom to live this life to the full. (Romans 8: 1-2)

We have read of several of God's judgments in Revelation. Can you think of some other passages in Scripture that refer to His judgment? Do you feel that Revelation 20: 11-15 refers to His FINAL judgment? What evidence do you draw upon for your view?

- 1.) What is the significance of the throne? Explain the meaning of its color.
- 2.) Who will judge men? Who will come to be judged?
- 3.) On what basis will people be judged? List other similar passages that illustrate this.
- 4.) Explain the books that are mentioned. What especially do we know about the Book of Life?
- 5.) What is Hades? Can you cite some related passages that help explain it.
- 6.) What is meant by death and Hades giving up their dead? List other passages that explain how this will happen? (Think: How can the sea give up its dead?)
- 7.) What will happen to death and Hades? Explain the significance of your answer and some other passages that support it. (Think: What does this reveal about the basic nature of death and Hades?)
- 8.) What is the destiny of those not found in the Book of Life? Does the Bible speak of this elsewhere?

For consideration:

In what sense is this a second death? What lessons should we learn?

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Some general questions on Revelation for further thought. Bring on the tough stuff!

- 1.) The word “revelation” suggests that something is being revealed. Why would God want to reveal something like this? Why this specific revelation at that time in history?
- 2.) Can you spot the shout-outs to the Hebrew Bible in Revelation? (Hint: There are a ton of them.) Compare and contrast the Jesus of the Gospels with the Jesus of Revelation. Are they different? Why?
- 3.) What does Revelation have in common with the book of Daniel?
- 4.) If Jesus had a message for you – or for Kingsway – like He did for the seven churches in Asia, what do you think it would say? What would He praise us for? What might He have some suggestions for improving?
- 5.) Why do you think God chose John for this revelation? What’s so special about him in particular?
- 6.) Revelation has a fair amount of symbolic ladies. Compare and contrast the role of Jezebel in the Old Testament to the Whore of Babylon in this book. Or how about the Woman Clothed with the Sun and the Bride of Christ? How does John talk about them differently?
- 7.) Why do God and Jesus have so many titles? How does this speak to their different roles?
- 8.) Do you think that Revelation can be considered a “letter” like so many other books in the New Testament? Is God revealing His deepest, darkest mysteries in this letter?
- 9.) Does Revelation change how you feel about Jesus? God? Christianity? In general, how do you feel about the book? Does it make you nervous about the future? Or does it make you feel inspired and hopeful?

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