The Rider Of The White Horse

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INTRODUCTION

- The book of Revelation is written in troubled times for Christians.
- Satan is presenting challenges to the faithful. And to the untrained eye, the one that is focused horizontally. It appears that Satan is winning.
- And so the question I want to entertain tonight is what is the first seal all about? Who is the rider on the white horse?

1 The Argument for Jesus as the Rider

Revelation 19:11–16; Philippians 2:9

- Does it represent the victorious course of the gospel because of the similarities between this portrait and the one we read in Revelation chapter 19?
- And behold, a white horse. And he who sat upon it is called faithful and true.
- So you don't have to worry anymore about the threats and concerns that you are facing, because Jesus rides on the white horse.
- Whenever Christ appears, Satan becomes busy. Trials are in store for God's children.

2 An Alternative View: Opposition to God's Cause

Revelation 11:7; Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 14:12

- When they read Revelation 6, 1 and 2 for the first time, they've not read Revelation 19 yet.
- Evil forces in the book of Revelation go out and they conquer also.
- There's nowhere else in the book of Revelation where Jesus riding on the white horse has a bow, a sword, but not a bow.
- So this could represent false teaching and powers that attempt to eradicate or undermine faith and all that the devil is up to in an ultimately failed attempt to defeat Jesus cause.

3 Do Not Allow Undetermined Details to Affect the Message

- I don't know. I can argue it both ways as I just did. And I'm not absolutely sure.
- Do not allow undetermined details in the scripture to affect the overall message that we're given.
- But we don't have to be certain about everything.
- All truth is not cloudy and difficult. Some truth is. But all truth is not.

4 Baptism for the Dead: What I Do Know

1 Corinthians 15:29; Matthew 25

- Everything the Bible teaches suggests that our time of opportunity is now while we're alive.

- Such an interpretation of 1 Corinthians 15 would cause the scripture to come in conflict with itself.
- The point that he's making, we can know baptism as we understand it, is meaningless if Jesus is not raised.

5 The Spirits in Prison: Not a Second Chance

1 Peter 3:18–20; 2 Peter 2:5

- Jesus went back and made a proclamation to those spirits who were disobedient in the days of Noah.
- I may not be able to ascertain for sure what 1 Peter 3 and verses 18 through 20 are talking about, but I know from other passages of Scripture that it's not a second chance after one has died.

6 Focus on the Big Picture

Revelation 19:16; Philippians 3:18–20

- We need to focus on the big picture and not get discouraged by the details.
- You need Jesus as your ally and not your enemy.
- Because Jesus is indeed King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and all of his enemies are going to be cast into the lake of fire.

THE CHALLENGE

Whose side are you on? Are you an ally of the risen king? And are you sure?

MY NOTES