

*Fall Series 2017*

**What Is Truth?**

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*A Study in the Book of the Revelation*

- Sept. 10     **He Is On His Way!**  
*Comm. Intinct*   *Revelation 1*
- Sept. 17     **What Does Jesus Want?**  
*Revelation 2.1-7; with excerpts from*  
*Rev. 3.*
- Sept. 24     **Who Is On The Throne?!**  
*Comm. Trad.*     *Revelation 4*
- Oct. 1       **Front and Centre**  
*Revelation 5*
- Oct. 8       **Who Has Power?**  
*Comm. Intinct*   *Revelation 6-8.5*
- Oct. 15      **Star Wars**  
*Revelation 12*
- Oct. 22      **The Resistance**  
*Comm. Trad.*     *Revelation 13*
- Oct. 29      **We Stand On Guard for Thee**  
*Revelation 16;19*
- Nov. 5       **Return of the King**  
*Revelation 19*
- Nov. 12      **Life after, life-after-death**  
*Comm. Intinct*   *Revelation 21*
- Nov. 19      **The Beginning and the End**  
*Revelation 22*

Let the words of Jesus both challenge, and comfort us in the coming days as he says,

“See, I am coming soon, and my reward is with me, to repay all according to their deeds. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” Revelation 22.12-13

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In Ancient Rome, the cult of the emperor flourished in the province of Asia more than anywhere else in the entire empire. The result? By the end of the first Christian century, a showdown between the early church in all of its weaknesses, and the almighty state with all of its splendour and might.

The Apostle John is exiled to the island of Patmos, and it is there that he sees a wondrous and fantastic vision that puzzles him, and frankly, has puzzled many people within the church and without, for millennia.

John sees a vision that gives context to his clash with the ruling authorities of his day, and yet, he also sees the conflict in the larger cosmic context between God (and his Christ) and Satan (12.1-9) in which God wins eternal salvation for his people.

Our present role, as followers of Jesus, is to “triumph over (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony, ...not loving our lives so much as to shrink from death” (12.11). As God has already defeated the dragon through the death and resurrection of Christ (the Messiah is caught up to heaven, 12.5), so he will judge the state for her crimes against his people.

The challenge, since the original recipients of John’s letter received it, was to remain faithful to God through Jesus. Things haven’t changed much in two thousand years. Followers of Jesus are still challenged to live their lives for Jesus and in direct opposition to Satan.

Some of the questions we’ll wrestle with along the way, will include, “Who are we?” “Who or what has Lordship over our lives?” “What are we doing to remain faithful to God?” “What have we forgotten?” “Who is our enemy?”

My hope is that as we continue to journey together, that we discover that the book of Revelation is really nothing new under the sun. It is just the Truth, presented in a new way, through the Holy Spirit, to a faithful follower, the Apostle John.

*Along the Way with you,*  
*Pastor Dave*