

Message: ***"The King is Here!"***

Scripture: Revelation 20:1-6
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The book of Revelation can seem mysterious, but at its heart is a powerful message: Christ wins. Revelation 20:1–6 gives us a glimpse into God's plan for justice and redemption. It's a vision of what's coming—a time when evil is restrained, righteousness reigns, and God's people are vindicated.

God sends an angel to bind Satan. That tells us how limited Satan's power really is under God's sovereignty. Satan is restrained—cast into the abyss and sealed for 1,000 years. This gives us hope. No matter how rampant evil seems now, its power is temporary. Christ will bring justice.

Those are faithful even unto death, especially those martyred for their witness to Jesus, will receive spiritual victory and reward. They live and reign with Christ. Verse 6 calls them priests of God who reign. This echoes 1 Peter 2:9: *"a royal priesthood."*

Those in the first resurrection are secure. The second death (eternal separation from God) has no power over them. In persecution, confusion, or grief, this promise speaks: You will rise. You will reign. Let us live today in light of that coming day—boldly, faithfully, and joyfully—knowing that we are part of the reign of Christ.

GROWING DEEPER (Reflection & Application)

1. How would you answer the question: *What's wrong with the world?*
2. Why is Satan bound? What will life be like without Satan deceiving the world, and with Christ reigning instead?
3. What hopes and fears does Christ's triumphant return bring out in you? Why?
4. What is your biggest spiritual battle today? What is the outcome so far? What is the hope for you?