**Revelation 19:11-21 January 17, 2021**

**The Return of Christ**

Christ Assembles His Army Revelation 19:11-16

* He is riding on a “white horse”
  + During His triumphal entry He rode a donkey symbolizing His coming to Jerusalem in peace
  + Now He is riding a warrior steed to lead the **army to battle**
* He is known as “Faithful and True”
  + He promised His followers that one day He would return
  + Now He is fulfilling those promises because He is Faithful to His promises
  + He speaks forth the Truth in all His words
* He is coming both as a **warrior**, but also as a **judge**
  + He will wage war against the armies of the Antichrist at Armageddon
  + When He reigns over the earth, He will sit as judge over all
* His eyes are like “flames of fire”
  + This suggests His omniscience of knowing everything and has taken everything into account
* The diadems on His head symbolize His authority to rule the world as King
* The unknown name demonstrates the transcendent nature of Christ that He is above and beyond human understanding
* The blood on His garments symbolize His authority over His **enemies**
  + It looks forward to His defeat of them in the battle which follows quickly
* “His name is called the Word of God”
  + He spoke and creation came into existence
  + He is more than powerful enough to singularly defeat all of God’s enemies
* The army that will follow Him will be all the followers of Christ who have been given **immortal bodies**
  + They return with Christ to reign and rule from earth!
* There will be no doubt who the magnificent rider on the white horse is
  + “KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!”

Christ Returns to Earth Revelation 19:17-21

* An angel assembles the birds for the “great supper of God”
  + Don’t confuse this with the “Marriage Supper of the Lamb” in Revelation 19:7-10
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  + But there will be **no battle**
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