

The Sword in the Mouth
Revelation 19:11-21

1. The greatest hope of Christians is Christ's return. In verse 11, what are the characteristics of Christ, who arrives on a white horse? How are these characteristics important in the upcoming warfare and judgment?
2. This passage introduces Christ using multiple titles. How do these titles reflect His identity and mission? Furthermore, what does the fact that Christ has a name written on His body that is not yet known, important to us (see 3:12)?
3. Christ will judge and battle in righteousness. If you were on a short-term mission trip to a cross-cultural location, how would you explain to the locals the balance between God's judgment and God's mercy?
4. What does it symbolize when the army following Christ wears pure white linen? Why does Christ Himself wear a garment dipped in blood?
5. What does the sharp sword coming out of Jesus' mouth (v. 15) symbolize? Christ is called "the Word of God." How does this help us understand His mission in the world?
6. The title "King of kings and Lord of lords" also appears in Daniel 2:47 and 1 Timothy 6:15. How does this demonstrate that Christ's authority transcends all earthly powers?
7. The beast and the false prophet were cast into the lake of fire. How did this comfort the church, which was then under persecution? How does their judgment help you think about the forces of evil today?
8. The Bible repeatedly uses the image of "rule them with an iron scepter" to emphasize Christ's irresistible power and "treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty" to describe God's judgment and punishment. How do these images emphasize the thoroughness of God's judgment? How should we respond to such warnings?
9. This war ends with the birds feasting on the flesh of the carcass, while believers are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb. How does this encourage and comfort us as we engage in spiritual warfare?
10. Summarizing Revelation 19, how does the climax of Christ's victory help us maintain faith amid suffering and chaos? How does this help you in your personal faith journey?