

## Revelation 22:12-13, 16 - Who I AM

Intro – Jesus’ earthly ministry/ feed 4000 / warn of Pharisee teaching/ Ask question “who do people say that I am?/ Answer- John the B, Elijah, Jeremiah or prophet/ who do you say?/ Christ, the Son of God.

LifeWay and Ligonier asked a similar question recently/poll - 30% of evangelicals say that Jesus is a good teacher but not God. Their conclusion is that the American church really needs to bolster its doctrine & teaching about who Jesus is. In our verses today Jesus clears it up for us as He tells us who He is.

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### The Coming One

- In the final chapter in Rev. there are 4 references to 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming and 5 to the events being soon
  - o The Bible is clear in its declaration about the soon return of Jesus Christ
- Pastor/Author Mark Hitchcock says the Jesus’ return is mentioned 1845 times in Bible
  - o 1527 times in OT      318 times in NT      mentioned in 23 out of the 27 NT Books
  - o Mentioned 8x’s more than 1<sup>st</sup> Coming and twice as often as the atonement
  - o We are told over 50x’s to be ready for Christ’s return
  - o Jesus mentioned His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming 21 times      (Jesus is coming again!)
- His promise is that He is to come “Soon” ( 5 references to “soon/near” in chapter 22)
  - o God’s definition of “soon” and my definition of “soon” are somewhat different
    - My “after awhile/later/sometime” is received differently by Titus
      - Good life lesson on patience, faith and anticipation
    - We struggle, and some will mock (2 Peter 3:3-8), but the promise stands
  - o Jesus said it would be soon but happen after a long time; that we won’t know the day or the hour but we are to be ready. We are embrace the tension of these paradox’s
- Soon also = happens fast/swiftly (Isaiah 60:22) when these events begin it will be quick
  - o Better watch out, better not pout/cry....Jesus Christ is coming to town....”

### The Judge

- 22:12      “My reward is with Me”      He is coming, and coming as the Judge
  - o Major theme in Revelation
    - Judge church - walk among us - “I know your deeds”    2 Cor. 5:10
    - Judge world - open seals -6-18      He comes in 19;      opens books in 20:12
      - John 5:22      Acts 10:42    Acts 17:31    Romans 2:16    2 Tim. 4:1
  - o When Jesus comes back He will right every wrong and reward His redeemed
    - The rebel thinks that God does not see and will not repay

- The redeemed often thinks God overlooks their labor –in vain (cup of water)
- “He sees you when you’re sleeping....knows when you’ve been bad or good...”
  - Jesus is the One who is Coming quickly and His reward is with Him

### The Only God

1. Rev. 22:13                      this trifacta of titles declares the Deity of Jesus Christ
  - a. 30% of evangelicals may not believe it but Jesus categorically proclaims it
    - i. What if some do not believe? Let God be true and every man a liar – Rom. 3:3-4
2. All 3 of these titles are screaming the same thing                      Jesus is God (Thomas’ confession)
  - a. Alpha and Omega                      Rev. 1:8
  - b. First and Last                      Isaiah 44:6                      Isaiah 48:12                      (John 8:58 – I AM)
  - c. Beginning and End                      Jesus is the be all and end all of life.                      Jesus is God
3. Jesus started it all and He will end it all. He is the One who said “let there be light” and He is the light of word. He separated the waters and commands the waters and is the Water of Life. He sent His rainbow, met with Moses on the mount to give His law, sent fire for Elijah, shook the mountains and spoke in still small voice. He is the theme of David’s songs and sum of Solomon’s wisdom, He is the focus of Isaiah’s vision & who caused Ezekiel to tremble and gave life to valley of bones. He is Malachi’s Sun of righteousness and He is our Great God and Savior Jesus Christ!
4. If Jesus is not God then He cannot be Savior
  - a. Isaiah 43:11                      Titus 2:13                      (good teacher/only man/cannot save/weak as we are)

### Fully Man

- Jesus is a man, just not only a man                      22:16b                      Root and Offspring of David
  - o Jesus created David(root) but He also came from David (offspring)
  - o Jesus is the promised Jewish Messiah                      fully human/fully Jewish / fully God
    - Romans 1:2-4                      Rom. 9:5                      2 Tim. 2:8
    - Jesus made the promise to the Jews and fulfilled the promise as a Jew
  - o 1 Tim. 2:5                      (Job 9:33) put one hand on man as man and other on God as God
- Jesus is the star of the human race.                      bright Morning Star
  - o Our society has many “stars” but Jesus out shines every one
  - o Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the shining point of history                      (King before whom all will bow)

### He has a Message

Rev. 22:16a                      Jesus wants this message proclaimed in the church                      Jesus is the Message

John 5:39-40

Jesus is Coming.                      Jesus is Judge.                      Jesus is God                      Jesus is Man                      Jesus is the Message