

Wake Union Baptist Church

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is proclaimed in truth and love"*

THE LORD'S DAY

April 4, 2021

Call to Worship *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* 159

Invocation

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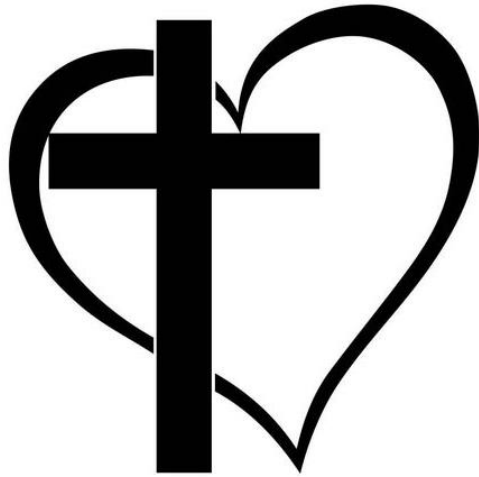
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Benediction

Do not be afraid
I know you are looking for Jesus
who was crucified
He is not here

HE has RISEN!

Matthew 28:5-6



Prophecy, What is the Purpose of Biblical Prophecy?

BIBLE READING: [Deut. 18:15-22](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *You may wonder, "How will we know whether the prophecy is from the Lord or not?" If the prophet predicts something in the Lord's name and it does not happen, the Lord did not give the message. That prophet has spoken on his own and need not be feared.* ([Deut. 18:21-22](#))

Prophecy was intended to reveal a message from the true God. As in the days of ancient Israel, some people today claim to have messages from God. Through His Word God speaks to us, and He puts Pastors in Churches to lead and guide. Everything that a Pastor (or a Sunday School Teacher) says, however, must be measured by Scripture. If someone says something contrary to the Bible, we can know that he or she is not speaking for God.

BIBLE READING: [Mark 13:1-37](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *Jesus replied, "Don't let anyone mislead you, because many will come in my name, claiming to be the Messiah. They will lead many astray. And wars will break out near and far, but don't panic. Yes, these things must come, but the end won't follow immediately."* ([Mark 13:5-7](#))

Prophecy was intended to encourage obedience. Jesus warned his followers about the future so that they could learn how to live in the present.

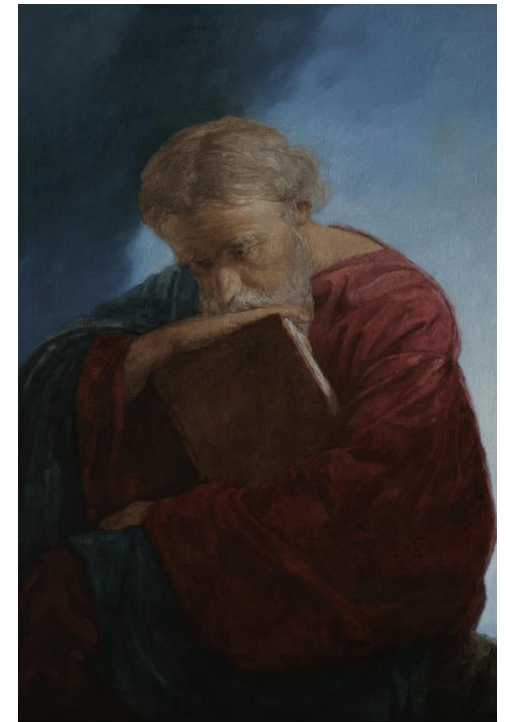
Many predictions Jesus made in this passage have not yet been fulfilled. He did not make them so that we would guess when they might be fulfilled, but to help us remain spiritually alert and prepared at all times as we wait for His return.

BIBLE READING: [Rev. 1:1-8](#)

KEY BIBLE VERSE: *God blesses the one who reads this prophecy to the church, and He blesses all who listen to it and obey what it says. For the time is near when these things will happen.* ([Rev. 1:3](#))

Prophecy was intended to encourage trust in God. Revelation is a book of prophecy that is both *prediction* (foretelling future events) and *proclamation* (preaching about who God is and what He will do). Prophecy is more than telling the future. Behind the predictions are important principles about God's character and promises. As we read, we will get to know God better so that we can trust Him completely.

Prophecy was intended to give hope. The typical news reports—filled with violence, scandal, and political haggling—are depressing, and we may wonder where the world is heading. God's plan for the future, however, provides inspiration and encouragement because we know He will intervene in history to conquer evil. John encourages churches to read this book aloud so everyone can hear it, apply it, and be assured of the fact that God will triumph.



John the Theologian on the Island of Patmos by Andrei Mironov

Handbook of Bible Application

Prayer Request Updates

Our Nation – Protection, healing, and especially turning to the Lord Jesus.	Coronavirus victims and those grieving over the loss of loved ones.
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Christ as Judge

1. Does Jesus Ever Punish People For Their Sin?
2. What Does Jesus Think About The People He Punishes?
3. Can I Tell By Looking At Someone If They Are Pleasing God?

Answer the Questions above, by looking at the Scriptures below:

- Matthew 25:32
- John 5:22
- Acts 10:42
- Acts 17:31
- Romans 2:16
- Romans 14:10
- 1 Corinthians 4:5
- 2 Timothy 4:1
- 1 Peter 4:5

After you're finished, read the text at the bottom of the page.

One day Jesus will judge all of us. He will judge whether we obeyed Him. You might look at people around you and think that you know whether they live for God or not, but only Jesus can really make that judgment. And when He is judging you, you won't be worrying about someone else. Don't be quick to judge others.

Sermon Points on John 12

1. The Adored Christ (4-9)
2. The Almighty Christ (10-16 w/19-20)
3. The Alive Christ (17-18)

Questions and Concepts

Before the main body of his letter, John inserts a hymn of praise to Jesus ([1:5-6](#)) and a short prophecy ([1:7-8](#)). Even before the vision of [1:12-20](#), we have a striking portrait of Christ.

1. What does it mean that Jesus is "the firstborn from the dead" ([1:5](#))? How did He become the firstborn? (*Optional: See [1 Cor. 15:3-4](#), [20-28](#).*)

2. What does it imply about you that Jesus "has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father" ([1:6](#))?

kingdom (see, for example, [2:26-27](#); [5:10](#))

priests ([Romans 12:1](#); [Hebrews 10:19-22](#); [1 Peter 2:5](#), [9](#))

The Alpha and the Omega ([1:8](#)). Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet, and omega is the last. Compare [1:17](#).

The Vision ([1:9-20](#))

Suffering ([1:9](#)). "Tribulation" in kjv. Evidently, John felt that he and his readers were already suffering a "tribulation" in their day. This is just what Jesus promised ([John 16:33](#)).

Likewise, the **kingdom** already belonged to John and his readers **in Jesus**. The Kingdom of God arrived when Jesus came the first time ([Luke 17:21](#)), and His death and resurrection already made His people "a kingdom and priests" ([Rev. 1:6](#)). Yet this does not negate the fact that the Kingdom will not be consummated until Christ's return ([2:26-27](#)).

It is the common teaching of the New Testament that the "last days" began at Jesus' first coming ([Acts 2:14-21](#)) and will be fulfilled at His second.