

Often, we are inspired by the great love stories. Why? Because deep down, we all need to believe that its possible that there is someone out there who would literally go through anything just to be with the one they love. Well, this essentially is what the book of Revelation is all about.

Read Revelation 21:1-4

(If you are interested in learning how all of this wedding imagery fits with eschatology (the study of the end times), then make sure to watch Pastor Ben's message from this past weekend.)

What sticks out to you about this passage?

Why does it matter that we are part of what John calls "a bride beautifully dressed for her husband"?

Read Revelation 19:6-9

Again, the wedding imagery is used by John. What seems significant to you about this scene?

How does where you live fit into God's redemptive plan of salvation? **Read Matthew 22:8-14**

Do you think it's significant that they were told to invite anyone they could find? How so?

Why did the man who was underdressed need to get thrown out? Doesn't that seem harsh? What do you think Jesus is trying to show us through this part of the parable?

What does it mean for us to be prepared and ready for the wedding day that is coming?

Prayer

Father, thank you for the countercultural hope that we have in the age to come, and our soon-coming King. May we live as people who are sober-minded and ready for Your return. Holy Spirit, sanctify us so that we can be presented with fine linen that is bright and clean. And as we wait, may we live to see Your Kingdom come and Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. In the name of Jesus, Amen.