



WHEN Christ SHALL Come

AN ADVENT SERMON SERIES

WEEK 2 : BRIDE | GROOM

Welcome:

Share a funny anecdote from a wedding, whether yours or someone else's.

Worship:

Sing, *LION & THE LAMB*

Introduction: The second Sunday of Advent Season, Pastor Jon Las spoke about the BRIDE AND GROOM. Throughout the New Testament, the Church of Jesus is often referred to as the Bride of Christ. When Christ shall come, there will be a marriage supper for the Bride and Groom, and the great consummation of God's eternal plan of salvation.

Word:

READ **REVELATION 19:6-10**

Let's discuss Pastor Jon's sermon points:

1. THE BRIDE IS THE CHURCH.

Read the following:

Ephesians 5:31-32; Isaiah 54:5; Ruth 4:14-15.

Just like in the story of Ruth, she needed a kinsman-redeemer to save her from perpetual shame and disgrace, Jesus is our redeemer who saved us from sin and eternal death. We owe Him our life. Jesus does everything to show us His love.

2. THE GROOM IS THE LAMB.

Read the following:

Ephesians 5:25-29; Revelation 19:7-8.

Jesus the Lamb of God is the Groom who redeemed and saved His Bride with His own life. We belong to Him, and Him alone.

3. THE MARRIAGE SUPPER.

The analogy of the relationship between the Church as the Bride and Jesus as the Groom comes from the wedding customs during the time of Jesus. The unfolding of the relationship relates to several events leading to the culmination of the marriage.

- A. *The Betrothal.* Jesus came to redeem His bride with His own life. *1 Peter 1:18-19.*
- B. *The Departure.* Jesus leaves to prepare a place for His people. *John 14:3.*
- C. *The Wait.* The period of grace and growth.
- D. *The Advent.* Jesus returns for His bride.
- E. *The Marriage Supper.* Jesus and the Church finally feast together.

Discussion Questions:

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention??
2. In Revelation 19, the bride seems to be the church. In Revelation 21, the bride is the city of Jerusalem. So, what is the bride? A city? A people? Both? How do these relate and what is the significance?
3. Pastor Jon mentioned that we are at the period of grace, which is a season of waiting and growing. What are the implications of it in your life and for our community? How are we waiting and growing?
4. What emotion stirs in you as you hear these words, "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb"? What thoughts come to your mind? What emotions well up in you?

Work: Pray for opportunities to help the Bride prepare and grow in this season of waiting for Jesus' return.