

A DIFFERENT ARRIVAL AND JUDGMENT

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Then I saw heaven opened, and there was a white horse. Its rider is called **Faithful and True**, and he judges and makes war with justice. His eyes were like a fiery flame, and many crowns were on his head. He had **a name written that no one knows except himself**. He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his name is called the **Word of God**. The armies that were in heaven followed him on white horses, wearing pure white linen. A sharp sword came from his mouth, so that he might strike the nations with it. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will also trample the winepress of the fierce anger of God, the Almighty. And he has a name written on his robe and on his thigh: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS**. (Revelation 19:11-16)

"It takes the quiet of a suburb for the birth of the thesis that human nonviolence is a result of a God who refuses to judge. In a scorched land—soaked in the blood of the innocent, the idea will invariably die, like other pleasant captivities of the liberal mind...If God were NOT angry at injustice and deception and did NOT make a final end of violence, that God would not be worthy of our worship."
(Miroslav Volf)

Then I saw a great white throne and one seated on it. Earth and heaven fled from his presence, and no place was found for them. I also saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life, and the dead were judged according to their works by what was written in the books. Then the sea gave up the dead that were in it, and Death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them; each one was judged according to their works. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation 20:11-15)

"There are only two kinds of people: Those who say to God, "Thy will be done," and those to whom God says, in the end, "Thy will be done."" C.S. Lewis

Jesus experienced hell for you to experience heaven with you.

Reflection Question:

What, if anything, is holding you back from putting your faith and trust in Jesus?

Scripture from the CSB unless noted.