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Week 21 - The Justice of the Lamb (Rev. 14:1-20)**

Introduction:

Revelation 14:1-4

Seven Proclamations by the Angels...

Announcement #1: The _____ (Rev. 14:6-7)

Announcement #2: Final _____ (Rev. 14:8)

Announcement #3: Impending _____ (Rev. 14:9-12)

Announcement #4: Promised _____ (Rev. 14:13a)

Announcement #5: Rewards _____ (Rev. 14:13b)

Announcement #6: Imminent _____ (Rev. 14:14-16)

Announcement #7: Wrath _____ (Rev. 14:17-20)

At His First Coming...	At His Second Coming...
He came in meekness as a servant (Matt. 20:28)	He will come in power as Judge (Matt. 24:30-31; 25:31-46; John 5:26-29)
He came in humility and gentleness (Matt. 11:29; John 5:41)	He will come in majesty and splendor (1 Thess. 4:16; Rev. 1:7)
He came to seek and save the lost (Matt. 18:11; Luke 19:10; John 3:17)	He will come to reap the harvest (Matt. 13:37-42)
He came as a servant to suffer wrath for sinners (Matt. 16:21; 17:22; Mark 9:12)	He will come as a conqueror to rescue the righteous from wrath (1 Cor. 15:51-52; 1 Thess. 4:15-17)
He came to sow the seed of the gospel (Matt. 13:3-9; Luke 8:11)	He will come to reap the harvest (Matt. 13:37-42)

(Adapted from *Insights on Revelation* by Dr. Charles Swindoll)

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS AND PERSONAL REFLECTION:

Personal Life:

1. When you read through judgment passages such as the one we studied here in chapter 14, do you ever struggle to reconcile the fact that the humble Lamb of God who brought the grace of God to us is ALSO returning to judge those who turn their backs on Him in rebellion? Discuss your thoughts about this...

Ponderings:

2. At this point in our study of Revelation, we've seen predictions about the future emergence of the Beast (Antichrist) and the False Prophet doing Satan's bidding to turn the world away from God. John the Apostle wrote elsewhere that while the eventual Antichrist will emerge in the future, the "spirit of antichrist" has already gone out into the world (1 Jn. 4:3). How do you see the "spirit of antichrist" at play in our generation? Discuss...
3. Briefly review the seven announcements made by the angels in chapter 14 (summarized on your message outline). What, if any, affect, should these pronouncements have on us as members of the Body of Christ today?
4. So far in our study of the future Tribulation period, we see that God will send His 144,000 servants, two additional witnesses bringing signs and wonders, and many angels to proclaim warnings and preach the gospel. What does this tell us about the heart of God even in the face of such blatant rebellion? Discuss...

Promptings:

5. Read 2 Peter 3:3-9 as a group. How does this passage inform our understanding of the heart of God with regard to His coming judgment? How should it motivate us as participants in His mission to take the gospel to the world in the way that we live, give, love and follow Jesus? Try to be specific?
6. If you are being brutally honest, are there areas of your life in which your priorities do not reflect God's passion to save the lost as they could? What are some steps you might take to reorient your life around such priorities?