

# How Long Until Jesus Comes Again?

## Revelation 6

### Intro:

Over the past few weeks, we have been broadening our focus. We started with the individual, then the societal, and last week we looked at the kingdom. This week we are going to look at this topic of How Long oh Lord? On the Cosmic scale. One of our problems is that when we study Scripture, we are so self-focused that we get myopic and forget that USAmerica is not the center of the universe. Our study in the book of Acts has reminded us that Jesus is the savior for all the nations and in fact all of creation. As we look at these questions of How Long oh Lord? We need to remember that Christmas, the holiday that we will celebrate in just 5 short days is there to remind us that God sent His Son Jesus to the earth to live a perfect sinless life to die on the cross for us and then be resurrected to provide redemption for all of God's creation. In fact, the scene we see in Revelation 6:9-11 is a snapshot of things to come and those redeemed folks ask the question that we ask this morning, How long until Jesus comes again? How long until He makes all things right? So, to find out the end of the story we must go all the way back to very beginning of the story...

### 1. The Story of Redemption is a long game and its bigger than you and me

#### a. During the passing of Judgment on mankind God tells us He will make a way

So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel. -- Genesis 3:14-15 (CSB)

#### b. All of Creation awaits with us the second Advent

For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to futility — not willingly, but because of him who subjected it — in the hope that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits — we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. -- Romans 8:19-23 (CSB)

## **2. Understanding God's Nature correctly gives us hope; He is Holy and True**

### **a. The first Advent was foretold, and it happened**

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: Because out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel." -- Matthew 2:6 (CSB)

Bethlehem Ephrathah, you are small among the clans of Judah; one will come from you to be ruler over Israel for me. His origin is from antiquity, from ancient times. -- Micah 5:2 (CSB)

### **b. The Second Advent was foretold, and we can be assured it will happen**

But based on his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness dwells. -- 2 Peter 3:13 (CSB)

## **3. The Love of Jesus gives us Peace to rest and wait a little while longer**

### **a. The Love of Jesus reminds us to put on Love**

Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. -- Colossians 3:14-15 (CSB)

### **b. The Peace that Passes all understanding will guard our Hearts and Minds**

Let your graciousness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. -- Philippians 4:5-7 (CSB)

## **The Big Picture**

Hope is Jesus.

He came to redeem us.

He will return for us.