

PAUL'S SERMON

-THE RETURN OF THE KING-

Bible Reading: Revelations 1: 1-20

(esp. v 12 onwards..)

Why SBM church exists?

- some people had no place to call home
- because of the Supreme Jesus.....

Jesus's Matchless Name:

- (1) Matchless in authority
- (2) Superior in dignity
- (3) Eternal

1) An impressive figure of God

- noble, dignified, unadulterated purity, wisdom
- powerful, immovable
- staggering authority – attractive and terrifying
- **therefore**, compared to Jesus everyone, poor or rich, weak or strong, is equal (he is THAT great)
Though not everyone acknowledges this, they will when he comes. They will *have* to acknowledge this.

2) He has a character to suit his office

- hair, tongue, robes, piercing eyes of fire (that not only look at you but look *into* you and see *through* you)

v. 17 – He is a King who acts like a *slave*. Preaches with absolute authority yet lives alongside us.

3) An eternal achievement (overcoming death)

- Often death is treated like Mordor (place of power and fear over people)
 - o Even today we put people who are dead in one place, an “Acropolis of death”.

BUT...

- Jesus, the Chuck Norris of death (smashing it into eternal glory)
- Jesus has the password and can hack into the domain of death
- The Church of Jesus can invade Hades because He has the keys to the gate!
- To all those that achieved great things, death has been the master of them
 - o But Jesus is the master of *death*. Therefore eternal achievement.....The knowledge of this should make us dance and sing!!

In conclusion...

- Jesus tied his identity to us, so we are connected to Him. We are ‘Jesus’ People’. He’s ok with you being called this. This is Jesus’ Church - He pwns us.
- We ALL have kingly [ruling as kings] and priestly [mediating as Kings] functions in Christ (he let us share his functions)
 - o v. 9 Partner in Jesus
(Like the moon is merely a reflection of the sun’s light, not a substitution/replacement; like God, we are His reflections)

JESUS + SBM CHURCH → It should be in the same sentence