

The End & the Beginning

FOLLOWING THE LAMB IN THE DYING DAYS OF THE DRAGON REVELATION 22

- 1) In the _____ is a _____ and in the garden I will see _____
_____ and then the new beginning will begin.
- 2) Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the Lord and the Lamb, _____ and
_____ and His word is _____ and _____ so I
am learning to _____ and _____ His word written.
- 3) Jesus says to His church " _____ " and the Spirit-filled church says " _____ "
- 4) The heart of God is revealed - His heart is that I will cry out to Him, " _____ !
_____ "

? Questions and/or comments about the sermon or scripture text?
Email George at george@messiahchurch.ca

Going Deeper

- ① **GETTING TO KNOW ME** Did you ever attend a church that talked a lot about the second coming of Jesus? If so, how old were you?
- ② **GETTING INTO THE BIBLE** Remember to pray for the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you read the Bible.
- 1) Read Revelation 22.
2) Read Rev. 22:4. Then read: Exod. 33:17-23; Num. 6:22-25; Psalm 42:1-3; Jn. 1:18; 1 Jn. 3:1-3.
3) Read Rev. 22:6-7. Then read: Deut. 6:1-9; Ps. 19:7-11; Isa 40:6-8; Mt. 24:34-35; John 6:68-69; 2 Tim. 3:15-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21.
4) Read Rev. 22:7, 12, 20. Then read: Mt. 24:36-51; 2 Pet. 3:8-10.
5) Read Revelation 22.
- ③ **GETTING REAL** Has the Holy Spirit taught you something new and/or convicted you of something? Can you share this so others can pray for you?



Welcome!

Helping ordinary people
be confident, joyful disciples
of Jesus Christ.

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WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH!

We are a prayerful, Bible-teaching, evangelical church in the heart of the city with a heart for the city and the world. We are a member of the Anglican Network in Canada and part of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans. We seek to be a biblically faithful and orthodox church within the Anglican Way of following Jesus.

Are you new? Get connected!

Are you interested in learning more about Messiah and getting connected? Email info@messiahchurch.ca or call **613.235.0596**. Also check out our website at messiahchurch.ca.

Nursery & Sunday School

Nursery (0 - 24 months) and Sunday School (2 yrs - Grade 6) are available at the 10am Service. For Nursery, you are welcome to bring children to the north side of the lobby before or during the service. For Sunday School, children are invited to "follow the cross" during the third worship song.

The Offering Plate

If you are visiting, please feel free to let the plate go by. If you would like to donate, please make cheques out to "Church of the Messiah." If you prefer to donate online, go to www.canadahelps.org, then search "Church of the Messiah Ottawa."

TODAY'S SERVICE

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

First Reading	The Gospel	*Free Bibles are available at the Besserer door.
Revelation 22	John 16:5-15	

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Rector Rev. Canon George Sinclair	Worship Leader & Young Adults Leader Jeremiah Smith
Administrative & Communications Manager Amy van Hemmen	Ministry Interns Jeremy Giles & Daniel Gilman

Wardens: Dick Butler, Gary Graber, John Rayson
Shannon Ripley, Karl Ruban, Natasha Wallace

UPCOMING EVENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUE / MAY 20 Lowertown Home Group

7:00pm @ Ian Murray's

Messiah Prayer Meeting

7:00pm @ Messiah Office (152 Metcalfe St.)

WED / MAY 21 Men's Bible Study

5:30pm @ Rideau Centre

The Wurttemberg Home Group

7:30pm @ The van Hemmen's

THU / MAY 22 The House (Young Adults)

6:30pm @ The Giles'

FRI / MAY 23 30 Hour Famine - World Vision

Visit messiahchurch.ca/famine to support Messiah's Youth as they raise funds to help reduce poverty around the world.

For more info, visit messiahchurch.ca, call **613.235.0596**, or email Amy at amy@messiahchurch.ca.

New Sermon Series : Practical Discipleship

Next Sunday, we will begin an eight week sermon series on 1 Thessalonians 5:9-28, called Practical Discipleship. Read the Pastor's Blog for more information.

Join Messiah's Email List

If you'd like to receive important announcements and periodic updates from Church of the Messiah, join our mailing list! Simply email amy@messiahchurch.ca with your name and preferred email address.

Help make life easier for our financial volunteers!

Every week, a small team of dedicated volunteers manages the counting, deposit and data entry of Sunday's offering. You can help make their job easier by using assigned offering envelopes. We have plenty of extra envelope sets for 2014! Contact Amy at 613.235.0596 or amy@messiahchurch.ca to get your envelopes.

Financial Update - Operating Fund

	January - April 2014	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>TARGET</u>
Offering	\$91,498	\$105,416

① I NEED TO DEVELOP GODLY ATTITUDES

First steps to developing godly attitudes are:

- A) Pray for godly attitudes in general & certain attitudes in particular.
- B) Ask others to pray the same thing for you.
- C) Say the attitude again and again to help it sink in.
Do this in conjunction with A & B!

- Attitude A) In every situation I face, I can pray, "Come Lord Jesus!"
- Attitude B) God will bless me as I keep His word written.
- Attitude C) A blessing from God is always framed by God not me.

② I NEED TO GROW IN PRAYER

A great way to do this is to learn to pray the Bible.
Pray this prayer until you can pray without reading.

Dear God, I thank You that to come to You is to come to life and healing. I thank You that to come to You will mean I desire to worship You. I thank You that I will one day be in Your nearer presence unashamed and see You face-to-face. I thank You that You put Your name on me as a sign that I am Yours and that You will care for me. I thank You that You are light and in You is no darkness at all. I thank You for the unsurpassed grace lavished on me through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

③ I NEED TO GET GOD'S WORD IN MY MIND & HEART

"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price." (Revelation 22:17 ESV)

④ I NEED TO DO SOMETHING OR START TO DO SOMETHING

Complete the following sentence: "In light of God's word, the Holy Spirit is leading me to _____."

Dear Friends,

My blog has a boring title. One of the things you can pray for me is that I will be able to come up with good titles for my sermons, blogs and anything I write.

Today is the last of my sermons on the Book of Revelation. I began in early September. We had a few Sundays off in the Fall when we had guest preachers. During Christmas season we had four sermons connecting Genesis 1-11 with the Christmas Story. Daniel Gilman preached our "New Year" sermon the Sunday before New Years. I preached Easter sermons on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. All told, I preached 28 sermons on the Book of Revelation. So, what's next?

In all that follows, I need to say these are my plans after praying. If God gives me the strength and Jesus carries, then, God being my Helper, this is what we will do. Next Sunday we will begin an eight week series on "Practical Discipleship." We are going to look at eight exhortations from Paul to the new Christians in Thessalonica as found in 1 Thessalonians 5:9-28. Thessalonica was the second city in Europe to hear the Gospel. The very, very young church was made of former Jewish people, pagan converts to Judaism and pagans. (You can read about this in Acts 17:1-9).

On July 20 we will begin a seven week series entitled "Seven Psalms." Last summer we preached through (I think) 10 different Psalms. This summer, we will do a Psalm a week through till the end of August. Feel free to email me with suggestions! (george@messiahchurch.ca)

On Sunday, September 7, I will return to an unfinished series and finish it. I was preaching through the Gospel of Luke when I felt led to "take a break" from Luke and preach through Revelation. In Luke's Gospel, I left off at Luke's version of the Lord's prayer (Luke 11:1-4). So we will recommence at Luke 11:5. The sermon series will keep the original name, "Jesus for Pagan & Skeptics: The Gospel of Luke."

I do not know how many weeks it will take to finish Luke. As in past years, we will have guest preachers (Rev. Aaron Eime will return!). I usually have guest preachers preach on something other than our sermon series. We will also, of course, have several sermons over Christmas.

Please pray that God will use us to make disciples gripped by the Gospel living for His glory. Please pray that I will be a disciple of Jesus gripped by the Gospel living for His glory.

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