

Who is the **ENEMY?**

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The Warrior-King Who Conquers the Dragon

In our last study, we watched as that ancient serpent slithered through human history, deceiving and destroying. Even today, he's still our greatest enemy. So how will he ultimately be defeated?

Jesus: The Warrior-King Who Conquers the Dragon

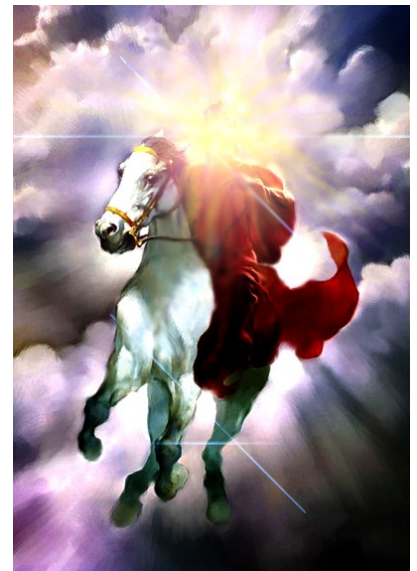
Before Jesus was even born, an angel of the Lord said of Mary, "She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" ([Matt 1:21](#)). Unlike every other human being who has ever lived and been "bit" by that ancient serpent (including each one of us) Jesus never, ever, EVER...

- Took what wasn't his
- Did what he wanted while ignoring what his Father wanted
- Did what was good in his own eyes but evil in his Father's eyes

We'll dig into [Matthew 4](#) as a class where Jesus was tempted by the devil, but every single time he was tempted and tested, all the way to the cross, Jesus lived by this motto: "Not as I will, but as you will" ([Matt 26:39](#)).

Now, notice in [Revelation 19:11-16](#) how our conquering Warrior-King is described.

Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.



And according to [Revelation 22:1-5](#), what will Jesus' followers have access to once again that was lost in Eden because of human sin? The tree of life.

Before we're done, it's really important for you to hear the promise in [Romans 16:19-20](#): "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet." What does that mean? Let's talk about it...

For Class & Family Discussion:

- Going back to **Matthew 1:21**, think about how long it had been since God made his promise in **Genesis 3:15**. Is there anything we can learn from that? **2 Peter 3:8-9** might be good for us to read together at this point...

- Let's go back to **Matthew 4:1-11** and read for ourselves about the devil tempting Jesus.
 - In what three different ways did that ancient serpent tempt Jesus?

 - How did Jesus win? What can we learn from the way he handled and defeated these temptations?

- Let's think together about the description of our Warrior-King in **Revelation 19:11-16**.
 - Why do you think Jesus is called "Faithful and True"?

 - Have you ever met anyone strong enough or good enough to defeat "the great dragon" (**Rev 12:9**) on their own? If not, why is Jesus able to conquer him?

- Let's read **Revelation 22:1-5** again. What's your favorite part of this promise?

- Let's think through **Romans 16:19-20** together.
 - How does it relate to where we started this series in **Genesis 3**?

 - How will God crush Satan under our feet? Do you remember how **Ephesians 6** teaches us to put on the armor of God? According to **Ephesians 6:15**, what sort of shoes should we be wearing?

- Finally, we learned that Jesus always lived by this motto: "Not as I will, but as you will." Can we live by the same motto today? What might it look like this week if we did? Where will we have opportunities to practice?