

1. Intro – Read Revelation 19:1-10
  - a. Three themes in Jim’s sermon:
    - i. Judgment on Babylon (the system of this evil world)
    - ii. The Marriage supper of the Lamb, with the Bride having made herself ready
    - iii. Having the testimony of Jesus
2. Babylon the Great
  - a. Read Luke 14:15-23
    - i. When discussing an evil world system, full of immorality and injustice, it’s easy to overlook the more subtle, and in many respects, more deadly temptation to be caught up in the good things in life, and neglect our great salvation.
    - ii. As silly as the excuses sound in relation to the great banquet of the Kingdom, they are all good gifts from God, yet sometimes it’s in these good things that great temptation lies.
  - b. Read James 4:1-10
  - c. Read 1 John 2:15-17
3. What is our response? How do we keep from loving the world?
  - a. Read Romans 12:1-2
  - b. Read Hebrews 10:24-25
  - c. Read Ephesians 5:1-21
  - d. How do we avoid conformity to the world?
    - i. Transformation by the renewal of our minds
    - ii. Seeking to understand the will of God
    - iii. Walk in love and good works
  - e. How does the message of the gospel make this easier?
4. We are the Bride of Christ
  - a. Read Ephesians 5:22-33
  - b. Not simply a workable metaphor. Marriage was instituted as a parable of Christ and the Church.
  - c. What does this mean for our marriages?
    - i. Husbands love your wives and die for them
    - ii. Her sins become your sins
    - iii. Her sanctification and purification are your goal
    - iv. Wives submit to the authority of the husbands, as the Church submits to the authority of Christ.  
(see 1 Pet 3)
  - d. What does this mean for the Church?
    - i. Adam failed in his responsibility (Gen 3), Christ won’t
    - ii. Christ takes responsibility for the Church’s purification
    - iii. He loved her when she was wallowing in her sin, and he cleans her up and presents her to himself as a spotless bride
    - iv. He gives the gifts that build the church and edify her.
5. Bearing witness about Christ
  - a. Read John 16:7-15
  - b. The Holy Spirit promises to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment