

Sermon Notes – Daniel 10 – Daniel Meets Jesus

Read Revelation 12:7-8 -- There Was War in Heaven

Wars are always fought where somebody lives.

God had promised Daniel that Jerusalem would be rebuilt. And since that vision, it had happened. A new king had sent some Jews back to Israel to begin the rebuilding process.

But recent reports weren't good. The work had stopped. Unsure when they would start back, Daniel was depressed.

Read Daniel 10:1-4a – Daniel Fasted Through Easter

The date was the Jewish holiday of Passover. On Passover people celebrate how God protected them, and they feast!

For Christians, Easter replaces Passover. It is the same idea, that because Jesus died for us, God's wrath passes over us.

Read Daniel 10:4-6 – Jesus Christ Appears

Chrysolite is a gem that looks like its on fire! So his body was translucent, sort of see through. It looks like it contains fire! His whole body looks like fire. Fire everywhere!

His voice sounded like a thousand people saying the same thing at once! It was deafening... powerful... and commanding.

He is actually human while at the same time He is God.

Read Daniel 10:7-9 – Daniel Passes Out

How would you react if you saw Jesus Christ in the fiery flesh? It puts Daniel on the ground.

Read Daniel 10:10-11 – Jesus Touches Daniel

What must it be like to be touched by God! It must fill you with hope. It must make the world go away.

Read Daniel 10:12-14 – Jesus Was Delayed

Whoa! Here's why people say this isn't Jesus. Jesus was delayed. Can God be delayed?

God isn't coming into our world with power but with weakness.

This "prince of the Persian kingdom" isn't a king. It's an evil spirit. We see that the battle rages beyond our physical world.

Why does Jesus need help? What do we know about Jesus?

1. He is the Son of God.
2. He is the Fullness of God.
3. He is the Creator of all that we know.
4. He was executed on a cross by the Roman Empire.

That last one... Jesus got "caught." Jesus was certainly delayed when the soldiers came and arrested him.

We also see Jesus tempted by Satan early in the Gospels. And Satan tells him to call down his angels. Satan tempts him to use His powers to free himself. But Jesus refuses and He remains in the hands of the Devil.

Jesus purposely holds his power back. He fights with weakness rather than strength.

Why? He has chosen to battle alongside of us. He is the perfect one of us. We need a perfect one among us.

Read Daniel 10:15-19 – Jesus Gives Us Strength

Questions to Ponder – Daniel 10 – Daniel Meets Jesus

Agree/Disagree: Checkmark by statements you agree.

- Evil spirits can influence our world.
- Jesus Christ has existed since before there was time.
- God can not be delayed in helping you.

Read Revelation 12:7-8 -- There Was War in Heaven

1. Do you feel the effects of war? How so?
2. Do you believe there is still a spiritual battle? If so, how does it affect you?

Read Daniel 10:1-4a – Daniel Fasted Through Easter

3. Why do you think Daniel fasted during a holiday?

Read Daniel 10:4-6 – Jesus Christ Appears

4. Jesus is dressed like a priest and looks like his whole body is on fire. Why is he dressed like a priest? Why is he on fire?
5. Pastor Brian said, “*He is actually human while at the same time He is God.*” Why is this important?

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6. How would you react if you saw Jesus Christ in the fiery flesh?

Read Daniel 10:10-11 – Jesus Touches Daniel

7. What must it be like to be touched by God?

Read Daniel 10:12-14 – Jesus Was Delayed

8. Pastor Brian said, “*God isn’t coming into our world with power but with weakness.*” Why would Jesus come in weakness? Is that what you would expect?
9. Why does Jesus need help?

Review the Agree/Disagree Statements. Change your answers if you need.

10. How can Jesus help you? Let Jesus speak to you in the following verses.

Daniel 10:15-19 in the Message Translation – Jesus Gives Us Strength

"While he was saying all this, I looked at the ground and said nothing. Then I was surprised by something like a human hand that touched my lips. I opened my mouth and started talking to the messenger: 'When I saw you, master, I was terror-stricken. My knees turned to water. I couldn't move. How can I, a lowly servant, speak to you, my master? I'm paralyzed. I can hardly breathe!'

"Then this humanlike figure touched me again and gave me strength. He said, 'Don't be afraid, friend. Peace. Everything is going to be all right. Take courage. Be strong.'

"Even as he spoke, courage surged up within me. I said, 'Go ahead, let my master speak. You've given me courage.' – Daniel 10:15-19 (The Message)