



**Bride of Christ
Revelation 19:1-9**

Warm Up

What's your favourite part of a wedding? The ceremony? The dress? The speeches? Share memories.

Background and context

At Easter time the worldwide Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. For many it is dangerous to do so for fear of persecution. In the UK, we are fortunate that those who are not Christian just view the church with bewilderment that we could believe such a thing. On Easter Day, Jesus was the first to conquer death! Death could not hold the perfect, sinless person of Jesus. He now offers the same to us as His Church. Death will not contain us. We will reign with Christ when He returns. Our passage today reveals God's endgame. What will happen as a result of Jesus' resurrection? In the end, it is the collapse of evil and the reign of Christ. Hallelujah! This should bring us hope and joy, knowing Christ has the victory in the end.

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity



READ Revelation 19:1-9. What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand?

1. Who do you think was and is the **'great prostitute'**?
2. **Read Revelation 17:3-18.** The prostitute is a picture of a spirit of evil that is in the world. What are her **'adulteries'**? How have they corrupted the earth?
3. Not many people seem to be too upset by the funeral, in fact there is much celebration. Why?
4. What are the values of this world today that will be destroyed by Christ's return?
5. **Read 19:5-8.** What is happening here?
6. Who is the bride of Christ? How has she made herself ready for the wedding?
7. What does the dress represent? Has the bride provided her own dress? Why is this significant?
8. **Read Isaiah 53:10-11.** How has Jesus paid for the dress which He is offering to His bride?
9. What do you consider to be the **'righteous acts of the saints'**?
10. **Read v9.** Jesus is inviting us to the wedding feast. How do we accept the invitation?
11. If we choose to wear the 'wedding dress,' what must we take off first? What is the symbolism of this?

Discipleship and Application



12. How does the spirit of the great prostitute infect our own lives? What must we do to disengage ourselves from it?
13. Will you be going to a funeral or a wedding? How do you choose?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.