

Today's Theme

“Say NO To The Mark”

Series Title

“The Future - From Jesus”

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1. Jesus will be *honored no matter what*.

(1) Jesus is *presented as King on Zion*.

Rev 14:1 Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000

(2) The 144,000 have God's *mark & belong to Him*.

Rev 14:1 . . . who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

2. Heaven & 144,000 bring *praise to Jesus*.

(1) This *voice from heaven was beautiful*.

Rev 14:2 And I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps.

(2) The 144,000 sang a *new song that rocked*.

Rev 14:3 And they sang a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. No one could learn the song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.

3. The *actions & lifestyle of the 144,000*.

(1) These men *lived with sexual purity*.

Rev 14:4 These are those who did not defile themselves with women, for they remained virgins. . . .

(2) They are serious *followers of Jesus*.

Rev 14:4 They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among mankind and offered as firstfruits to God and the Lamb.

(3) They are *truth tellers & fully forgiven*.

Rev 14:5 No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless.

4. 3 Angels that functioned as *messengers*.

(1) A1 calls people to *fear & worship God*.

Rev 14:6 Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. 7 He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

(2) A2 brings a *warning to the world*.

Rev 14:8 A second angel followed and said, “‘Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great,’ which made all the nations drink the maddening wine of her adulteries.”

(3) A3 warns *taking the mark seals ones fate*.

Rev 14:9 A third angel followed them and said in a loud voice: “If anyone worships the beast and its image and receives its mark on their forehead or on their hand, 10 they, too, will drink the wine of God's fury, which has been poured full strength into the cup of his wrath. They will be tormented with burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and of the Lamb. 11 And the smoke of their torment will rise for ever and ever. There will be no rest day or night for those who worship the beast and its image, or for anyone who receives the mark of its name.”

The call of God on us

Rev 14:12 This calls for patient endurance on the part of the people of God who keep his commands and remain faithful to Jesus.