

Easter, Day 5
Friday, April 26, 2019

Revelation 22:18–21

When Sarah and I go to parties, we often end up telling stories. These stories can be how we met and began dating, or describe the marriage proposal, or the birth of a child, or other events from our life together. When the telling starts it is usually Sarah who begins, but then I hear details twisted or changed and its not long before I take over the story to tell it “properly.” The details are important if the meaning of the story is to be transmitted.

That is John’s point here as well. The details are important so none should be changed. Nothing should be added and nothing should be taken away. Of course, this is so much more important than my stories. This is a letter to the churches of God’s people. This is prophecy to be paid attention to. This is the Revelation of Jesus Christ himself. It comes from God. Nothing should be added and nothing should be taken away.

But, equally important is to catch what is being implied. This revelation is to be shared. It is meant to be communicated to others, “let the one who is thirsty come.” Lent and Easter are not just for the church because the church is for the world. Our lives are meant to reveal Jesus to the world and the good news of his coming, dying, rising, ascending, and his coming again to judge the world. We are meant to communicate this revelation with urgency because he is coming quickly.

Prayer

Help us to understand your revelation so we may share it with others lord. Do not let us add anything to it or take anything away, but give it in detail to those who are thirsty and in need of your water of life.
Amen.