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(Christ the King Sunday, 11/21/21)

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Lead In – The clouds in the sky above are a fascinating phenomenon. Haven't we all gazed at them and on occasion been spellbound by them? They can be thick or thin, they can be white and puffy, or dark and menacing, and they can appear in the most interesting sizes and shapes. In school we learned of the different formations which included Stratus, Cumulus, Cirrus, and Cumulonimbus. But no matter the name, they make for beautiful sunrises and sunsets. And they bespeak of heaven.

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Parting Shot – Meanwhile, when again your attention is captured by the beauty, or even the terror, of the clouds overhead, may they serve as a reminder and encouragement of whence our final deliverance will come. The first disciples saw him who died and rose from the grave ascend into a cloud. And they were told then by two angels that he would come again in the same way in which he was taken. Quit looking for it to come from down below, rising from the sea. For our Lord is coming on the clouds!

Ge 9:13 I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

Ex 13:21 And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way.

Ex 24:15 Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

Ex 40:34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle.

Mt 17:5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ESV

The Son of Man is Given Dominion

⁹"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ...

¹³"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Ac 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

Re 1:7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

The 4 Beasts: One like a lion with eagles' wings; One like a bear with three ribs sticking out its mouth devouring flesh; One like a leopard with four wings and four heads; and One more terrifying than the rest with iron teeth and ten horns.

Da 7:3 And four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

Re 13:1 And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.

Ac 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Jn 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world."

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