

# WEEKLY SERMON

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## Who are you really worshipping?

*Revelation 19: 6-10*

Take a moment to consider, who it was that told you about Jesus.

For some of us there may be one significant person while for others it could have been several people.

For others perhaps there was not a specific person, or group of people, but rather a feeling of something drawing us to come and find out more about faith in Jesus.

As for me, there was not one specific person but lots of people.

My parents were important because they took me to church each week and they demonstrated to me how to be a good Christian.

My godmother prayed for me each day. There was also a Priest who was the Vicar when I was in my teens who made faith interesting at a time when I wanted to rebel. And since then there have been numerous other people who have brought me back to faith when I have started to wander away.

So, lots of different people have had a hand in my journey of faith.

As I look back on my life, I think of each of these people with a great deal of fondness and I am thankful for this precious gift of faith they gave to me. But, whilst I am incredibly grateful to these people, I have to recognise they were just the messenger.

It can be easy to fall into the trap of holding the messenger in such a high regard that we put them higher than the God they came to tell us about.

This is indeed what is happening in this lesson from the Book of Revelation. The angel gives the revelation to John, and the revelation is so dramatic and exciting and special that John makes the mistake of getting down on his knees to worship the angel.

The angel immediately stops John and reminds him they are equals; each given a different job or task to do but equals.

It is God they should both be worshipping, not the angel. Because only God is worthy of worship, and all power and might comes from God. There is only one God, one Lord, one Saviour.

So, at the beginning of this new year, ask yourself, who are you worshipping? Because if the answer is not God, then something needs to change. Amen.

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