



Sermon Series: Revelation - Jesus Revealed
Sermon Title: Jesus: Risen, Glorious, Present, Passionate
Scripture: Revelation 1:9-20
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INTRODUCTION

2 Corinthians 6:4-10 and Revelation 1:9

Note: In this concise introduction (after a Prologue in verses 1-3 and a Greeting in verses 4-8), John explains WHO he is, WHAT he is, WHERE he is, and WHY he's there... and JESUS is at "the heart" of it all!

John 16:33

I. IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY

Revelation 1:10 -

1) John was in the Spirit (submitted to the Holy Spirit), on a Sunday (the Lord's day, the day of Christ's resurrection), when he heard the powerful voice of Christ behind him.

Revelation 1:11 -

2) The very first command given to John is to **WRITE** what he **SEES** and to send to seven churches in Asia Minor; this is truth that is helpful for and applicable to every church!

Revelation 2:7a; 2:11a; 2:17a; 2:29; 3:6; 3:13; 3:22

Revelation 1:12 -

3) Before John sees the One speaking to him, God wants him to see the setting, the context, the environment surrounding this One who is speaking.

Revelation 1:20b; Matthew 5:14-16; Philippians 2:14-15

Revelation 1:13a -

4) Jesus is **NOT** far away or distant from His Church; He is in the very midst of His people!

Daniel 7:13

Revelation 1:13b-16 -

5) This is (obviously!) a glorious picture of Christ; it is meant to inspire reverence/fear, worship, confidence, and trust in the power, majesty, and sovereign authority of Jesus.

Clothing: Jesus wears a long robe and golden sash signifying His priestly, interceding work.

Person: White, radiant hair... eyes like a burning fire... and feet like burnished bronze (just out of the blazing furnace)... testify to Jesus' perfect purity AND to His commitment to purify His people.

Voice: Jesus' voice is powerful and authoritative in its sovereign might. (Ezekiel 43:2)

Right Hand: In Jesus' right hand He holds "the angels" (the messengers; those who lead and communicate truth to His people).

Mouth: The word of Christ is able to both judge and destroy as well as save and protect.

Face: The glory of Jesus is overwhelmingly strong and cannot be hidden or lessened.

Revelation 1:17-18 -

6) As the One who IS life, who died and rose, who has "the keys" (complete authority) over death itself and the domain of death (Hades), JESUS ALONE puts an end to our fear.

John 17:3

Revelation 1:19 -

7) Jesus, again, instructs John to write, and He "maps out" or outlines this Revelation.

Revelation 4:1

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. How does John describe himself in verse 9? Why do you think he does this?
2. Why was John on the Island of Patmos? What does this teach us about following Christ?
3. What does John first see, after he hears the voice behind him? Why is that significant that Jesus is in the midst of the lampstands? What does this tell/show us about Jesus?
4. How is Jesus described in verses 13-16? Why?
5. How does John respond to seeing the glories of Christ? How does Jesus comfort John?