

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 9

WHO IS JESUS? ***(REV. 1:9-20)***

PART 2



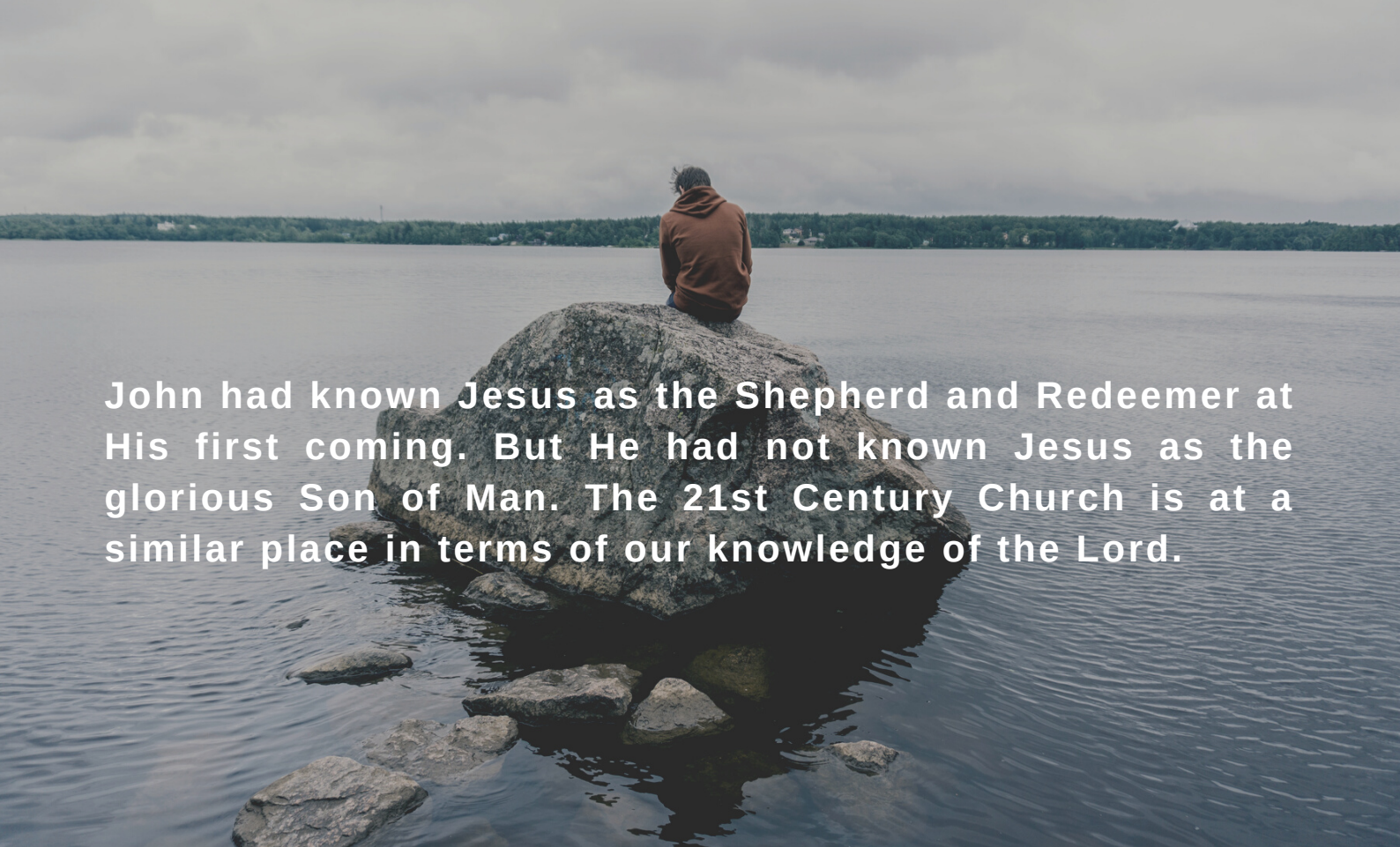
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Have you ever tried staring at the sun?

Once our human eyes are looking at the sun, we will experience blinding dark patches that cause us to turn away. If we continue gazing directly at the sun, damage can occur in as little as a few seconds. We will literally be blinded by the intensity of light that comes forth from this physical star.

**WHAT MORE THE BRILLIANCE COMING
FORTH FROM THE COUNTENANCE OF THIS
GLORIOUS SON OF MAN WHOM JOHN
ENCOUNTERED IN REVELATION 1, SHINING
LIKE THE SUN IN ALL ITS STRENGTH?
(REV.1:16)**

That is why John was overwhelmed! I could imagine him thinking, “I thought I knew You Jesus, but I really didn’t...”



John had known Jesus as the Shepherd and Redeemer at His first coming. But He had not known Jesus as the glorious Son of Man. The 21st Century Church is at a similar place in terms of our knowledge of the Lord.

**WE ARE AT THIS CRUCIAL JUNCTURE WHERE
WE NEED A PROFOUND REVELATION
AND ENCOUNTER OF JESUS AS THE
SON OF MAN
TO PREPARE US FOR HIS SECOND COMING.**

In Revelation 1:9-20, Jesus came as the Son of Man, the Righteous Prophet, Merciful Priest and Sovereign King,

1. To prepare us to understand who He is as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge at His Second Coming (Rev. 19).
2. To prepare us to fully embrace His End-Time Storyline and be His voice.
3. To reveal to His Church her true spiritual condition (Rev. 2 – 3).

There are around 30 specific descriptions of who Jesus is in Revelation 1 – 3. We want to take time to meditate on them, take them deep into our hearts, and ask the Lord for revelation and encounter with who He is.

Here are some of the descriptions of Jesus in Revelation 1 – 3:

JESUS AS THE *PROPHET*

1

Loud voice like a trumpet (Rev. 1:10) — He is a Prophet who comes to lead, guide and warn.

2

His head and hair were white like wool (Rev. 1:14) — this reflects the Father's glory and emphasizes **His eternal existence and purity**. It speaks of both Jesus as the Prophet and as the King.

3

His eyes like a flame of fire (Rev. 1:14) — this speaks of His prophetic anointing in having knowledge that searches and penetrates all things like fire, bringing forth love and zeal for God.



4

His feet like fine brass (Rev. 1:15) — Feet like fine brass refined in the furnace speaks of Jesus purifying and bringing forth holiness unto the Lord. It also refers to Jesus as King; God the Father will give Him every place that His feet tread upon (Josh. 1:3).

5

His voice as the sound of many waters (Rev. 1:15) — when Jesus speaks, revelation flows like a river, revealing the heart of God and who God is.

5

Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (Rev. 1:16) — this speaks of Jesus as the Prophet with the prophetic word coming forth like a sharp two-edged sword, as well as Jesus as the King destroying His enemies in battle.

JESUS AS THE *PRIEST*

1

Garment down to his feet (Rev. 1:13) — this describes the garment of the priest. Jesus is the sympathetic Great High Priest who opens the way for us to approach God with confidence, even in our weakness. He cleanses and sanctifies us from defilement so that we can enter into the deepest intimacy with Christ our Bridegroom.

2

Girded about the chest with a golden band (Rev. 1:13) — Jesus is wearing the breastplate of the high priest (Exo. 25:7; Lev. 16:4).



JESUS AS THE **KING**

1

He had in His right hand **seven stars (Rev. 1:16)** — Jesus is the King who tenderly holds us in His hand. He guides and protects us, and is tender towards us even when we fail.

2

His countenance is like the sun shining in its strength (Rev. 1:16) — this brings to mind the glory of Jesus being revealed on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt.17:2). Jesus is the King who shines forth to deliver His people and judge His enemies (Ps. 80:1-3; Ps. 94:1-2).

Jesus' head and hair being white as wool, His feet like fine brass, and the sharp two-edged sword coming forth from His mouth also speaks of Jesus as the King.

OTHER DESCRIPTIONS IN REVELATION 1

1. THE FIRST AND THE LAST (v.11,17)

This speaks about the eternality of Christ. He is also the first to be raised from the dead and the first in authority (Col.1:15,18).

2. ALPHA AND OMEGA (v.8,11)

Alpha and Omega are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This name of Jesus speaks of His absolute completeness as the perfect leader in all wisdom and love.

3. THE FAITHFUL WITNESS (v.5)

Jesus is forever faithful to the Father and He is faithful to us even when we are weak (2 Tim. 2:13).

4. FIRSTBORN FROM THE DEAD (v.5)

He is the resurrected One who has overcome death.

5. RULER OF THE KINGS OF THE EARTH (v.5)

Jesus will rule over all nations as the all-powerful King.



6. SON OF MAN (v.9)

He is the God-Man, the promised Messiah, the perfect Man who rules over all nations.

7. IN THE MIDST OF THE SEVEN LAMPSTANDS (v.13,20)

The seven lampstands represent the seven churches of God, seven being the perfect number of God. Jesus is saying that He is standing in the midst of ALL His churches. No matter what the condition of the church is, big or small, strong or weak, He is with us and He will never leave or forsake us.

8. HE WHO LIVES, WAS DEAD, AND IS ALIVE FOREVERMORE (v.18)

This speaks of Jesus as a resurrected Man who has overcome death. **He now possesses endless life as a man** and gives it to those of us who believe.

9. KEYS OF HADES AND DEATH (v.18)

Jesus has authority over Hades and Death.



SIX DESCRIPTIONS OF JESUS IN REV. 2 – 3

(That are not mentioned in Revelation 1)

1

Son of God (Rev. 2:18) — Jesus is the Eternal Omnipotent God.

2

Has the seven Spirits of God (Rev. 3:1) — Jesus has the authority to release the fullness and the diverse ministries of the Spirit.

3

Jesus is holy (Rev. 3:7) — this speaks of His holiness as a man and as God.

As a man, Jesus lived a fully set-apart life for God the Father.

As God, Jesus is transcendent and infinitely superior to all.

4

Jesus is true (Rev. 3:7) — Jesus is true to His word. Every word He says and every promise He gives will be true unto our lives.

5

The Amen (Rev. 3:14) — Jesus is the Amen.

He is always in full agreement and submission to the Father.

He finishes what He has started and He is faithful to follow through what He has promised.

6

The Beginning of the Creation of God — Jesus is the first in cause and authority. The power and authority over all creation begins with Him.



TRULY ALL THESE ARE THE UNSEARCHABLE RICHES OF CHRIST (EPH. 3:8)!

What are we waiting for? Go deep in apprehending these descriptions of Jesus. Bring them to the table with the Lord in holy conversation, and ask for the spirit of wisdom and revelation to enlighten our eyes so that we may see Him, so that we may have an encounter with Him (Eph. 1:17-18).

May the Lord grant you divine encounters with the Jesus of Revelation 1, the Ancient of Days who is alive forevermore, whose countenance shines like the sun in all its strength, whose eyes are like a flame of fire.

***MAY THAT FIRE PIERCE YOUR
HEART AND SET IT ABLAZE!***



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