

**THE BOOK OF REVELATION**  
A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 1:12-20

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

**" WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TODAY? "**

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**INTRODUCTION**

***to the text***

***Revelation 1:12-20***

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We left off with John being **in the spirit**, (that's' always a great place to be)  
He was in the spirit on the Lord's Day, And while John was transported to that future day, he heard a loud voice speaking to him.

**"No Longer the Humble Galilean who Preached**

*But The Enthroned Son of God in Power and Worshipped Above All !"*

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***This is The First of Many Journeys That John Will Take  
"In The Spirit"***

**2 - Revelation 4:2**

Immediately I was (became) **in the Spirit**; and behold, a throne set in heaven, and *One* sat on the throne.

**3 - Revelation 17:3**

So he carried me away (becoming) **in the Spirit** into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet-red beast

**4 - Revelation 21:10**

And he carried me away (becoming) **in the Spirit** to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

**John was "Spiritized"** so that he might see the visions of God  
(bodily suspended – he was translated into the spirit realm)

**And When the Realization of Jesus Christ is Enthroned in Your Life, You will never be the Same Person – Never Again**

**Hebrews 13:6**

So we may boldly say: *"The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" – Nothing that will last*

In Those Long and Lonely Days and Months of Exile on the Island Patmos,  
God Revealed to John "The Revelation of Jesus Christ"

**v. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day,  
and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet...**

The Shofar / Trumpet !

Primarily Used to call God's people together for War or for Celebration/Worship

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Isn't it interesting that the Bible says that God will call His church home to heaven with the blast of a trumpet – at the moment of the rapture

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**I.) He is the Jesus - who's with us v. 12-13**

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*He's the Jesus who's with us*

**1.) and He's with us In the Light v.12**

Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw **seven golden lampstands**

having turned **I saw**

there's a message in this

**Our Lord Jesus Christ Dwells in the Light**

- It's Only in the Dark Places that We Stumble
- It's Only in the Dark Places that We ask "Who's There"
- It's Only in the Dark that We Can't See

**1 John 1:5-7**

This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is light** and in Him is no darkness at all. :6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. :7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

**John 8:12**

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

The Seven Lampstands Represent the Local Churches of Asia Minor.  
The Host of Christian Believers in Fellowship with One Another and with God.

**Matthew 5:14-16**

"You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. :15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. :16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

Listen My Friend, We are Longing for Him to Return - Bringing Light

**Revelation 22:16c**

"I, Jesus, I am the Bright and Morning Star."

***Just Before the Dawn, at the Darkest Hour,  
The Morning Star Appears Before the Sun Rises***

**2 Peter 1:19**

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the **day dawn**, and The **Morning Star** arise in your hearts:

Set against the Black Canvas of a Sin-filled  
World are These (7) Burning Lamps

*He's the Jesus who's with us*

**2.) With us to be our High Priest**

**v.13a**

and in the midst of the seven lampstands **One like the Son of Man**,  
clothed with a garment down to the feet...

**John Sees Jesus in the Midst of His Churches**

It's Jesus, The Christ, The Messiah That John Sees  
And attempts to describe - and it is Awesome!!!

### Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all *points* tempted as *we are*, yet without sin. :16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace

### 1 Timothy 2:5

For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus

### Hebrews 10:21

and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, :22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,

v. 13a I saw - **One like the Son of Man**, Clothed with a garment down to the feet...

### “Son of Man”

Used over (70) times to describe Jesus Christ from Old to New Testament

## Jesus Referred to Himself as the Son of Man

**Matthews** Gospel reveals Jesus as **the King**  
Symbolized as a Lion, an Animal of Nobility

**Marks** Gospel reveals Jesus as **the Servant**  
Symbolized as an Ox, a beast of burden or ministry

**John’s** Gospel reveals Jesus being **God the Son**  
Symbolized as an Eagle, an Animal of Glory and Splendor

But it’s in **Luke’s** Gospel that Jesus is Revealed as **the Son of Man**  
Symbolized as a Face of a Man, Christ becoming Human for Us

### Ezekiel 1:4-10

Then I looked, and behold, a whirlwind was coming out of the north, a great cloud with raging fire engulfing itself; and brightness was all around it and radiating out of its midst like the color of amber, out of the midst of the fire. :5 Also from within it *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the **likeness of a man**. :6 Each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. :7 Their legs *were* straight, and the soles of their feet *were* like the soles of calves’ feet. They sparkled like the color of burnished bronze. :8 The hands of a man *were* under their wings on their four sides; and each of **the four had faces** and wings. :9 Their wings touched one another. *The creatures* did not turn when they went, but each one went straight forward. :10 **As for the likeness of their faces**, *each* had **the face of a man**; each of the four had **the face of a lion** on the right side, each of the four had **the face of an ox** on the left side, and each of the four had **the face of an eagle**.

### **And so John Tells us what he saw...**

Steven Spielberg – Listen to This

John Says that Jesus Had “**a garment down to the feet**” (a long flowing robe / a robe of glory)

### Isaiah Saw this Robe

#### Isaiah 6:1

...I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train (glory) of His *robe* filled the entire temple.  
**The Temple in Heaven**

#### Verse 13b

and *He is* girded about the chest with a **golden band**.

( A Solid Gold Band or Sash Across His Chest )

God, Become Man, And Priest, Forever !

## PERSONAL APPLICATION

In London England, at the **Tower of London**, resides the Glorious of **Crown Jewels** of the United Kingdom. At best they **only represent the powers of this world.**

## WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TODAY?

**II.) He is the Jesus who's for us**

**vv. 14-15**

His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **:15** His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters;

*He's the Jesus who's for us*

**1.) Having - judged our sin**

**v.14**

His **head** and **hair** *were* **white** like wool, as white as snow, and His **eyes** like a flame of **fire**;

### ***He Possesses All Authority and He Alone Exercises Perfect Justice***

**Matthew 28:18**

And Jesus spoke to them saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."

His **eyes** like a flame of **fire**;

### ***He Exercises Perfect Judgement***

He sees all things, thoughts and dreams and imaginations and,  
Motive - He knows why we say and do what we say and do

Motive, He knows our motives to our actions

**Psalm 44:21**

Will not God search all things out? For He knows the secrets of our hearts.

**Can You Imagine With Me**

A courtroom, and all rise as the judge enters in and sits down and looks out over the courtroom and everyone sees a brilliant shining face and then eyes that are red like fire...

**Daniel 7:9**

"I watched till thrones were put in place, And the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment *was* white as snow, And the hair of His head *was* like pure wool. His throne *was* a fiery flame,

**2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. **:11** Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord,

**John 5:22-23**

For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, :23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father

what a contrast this must have been. For years he had looked into the eyes of the earth-bound Jesus, being a hebrew-jew having either green eyes or dark brown - - john knew Jesus well on earth...

**HOW DO YOU KNOW JESUS TODAY?**

**NOT AT ALL, MAYBE CASUALLY, ACQUAINTED WITH HIM?**

**WE MUST KNOW HIM IN HIS TRUE LIGHT**

**Hebrews 4:13**

There is nothing that can be hidden from God; everything in all of His creation is exposed naked before Him - and everything lies open before his eyes.

And it will be to Him that each of us alone must stand before Him all give an account of our life's purpose.

**HIS FACE AND EYES WILL ILLUMINATE EVERYTHING !**

**Psalm 11:4-5**

The LORD is in his holy temple; his throne is in heaven. He watches all people, everywhere and he knows exactly what they are doing. :5 He watches closely the good as well as the wicked;

*He's the Jesus who's for us*

**2.) Having - suffered the wrath**

**v.15**

His **feet** were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace,

**Brass** speaks of the **wrath** of God  
**Brass**, the Metal of the **Military**

***Bringing Judgment and Wrath and Vengeance***

But Also This;  
Jesus, Having Suffered for Man's Rebellion

**He's Coming Back in Fiery Wrath  
When He Judges All Those Who Refused Him**

**Bloody, Nail Pierced Feet – *now glowing brass***

**Zechariah 12:10**

**"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; (the days of the great tribulation period) then (at the close of the trib.) they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.**

*He's the Jesus who's for us*

**3.) Having called us by name**

**v.15-16**

and His **voice** was as the sound of many waters; :16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a **sharp two-edged sword**, and His **countenance** was like the sun shining in its strength.

*The Sound and The Sword Of His Mouth;  
Is the Very Word of God Almighty!*

## Well I Know One Thing for Sure – Jesus Also Sounds Like a Gentle Stream

**John 10:27**

My sheep **hear** My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

**John 10:3-4**

To him the gate or door-keeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. :4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

The “**sharp**” two-edged sword,  
Of His Word is His Ability to Punish Unrighteousness

**Revelation 19:15**

Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

But in His Glory, in His Revelation,  
He Sounds Like the Roaring Sea or Cascading Waterfall

a sharp two-edged sword

**Hebrews 4:12**

For the word of God (who?) *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

## WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TODAY?

**III.) He is the Jesus – who comforts us vv. 17-18**

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But - - **He laid His right hand on me**, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; (stop being afraid) - - (WHY SHOULD I STOP?) I am the First and the Last. :18 *I am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.

*He’s the Jesus – who comforts us*

**1.) With all authority v.17**

And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But - - **He laid His right hand on me**, saying to me, “Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last.

**There are Six (6) - Very Key Things to Grasp Here**

**#1**

**“He laid His right hand on me,**

# This is the Hand of Favor and of Blessing

If an **Agreement** was to be struck  
It came through the right hand

If **Acceptance** was to be given  
It came through the right hand

If an **Association** was to be Enjoyed  
It came through the right hand

## Because of His "Right Hand"

### Psalm 18:35

**You have** given me the shield of **Your salvation**;  
**Your right hand** has held me up, **Your gentleness** has made me great.

### John 10:27-30

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. :29 My Father, who has given *them* to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch *them* out of My Father's hand. :30 I and My Father are one."

## What Did Jesus Do

He Touched People, He Healed People, He Raised Them Up

### Matthew 25:34

And in the end, the King will say to those on **His right hand**, "Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

## #2

*He said to me; "Do not be afraid;*

Imagine for a Moment if You, Right Now,  
Could Hear the Voice of Jesus Christ Speaking to You

(stop worrying or being afraid)

***The Natural Question is...***  
***WHY SHOULD I STOP WORRYING?***

Here Comes the Reason Why  
We don't need to worry or be afraid

## #3

***I Am the First and the Last***

I am the First and the Last.



I am the **Totality** of God's Revealed Word to Man  
I am the **Consummation** From Genesis to Revelation and Beyond  
I am the Word from the First and the Last.

## This Title is Exclusively Reserved for God Alone

### Isaiah 44:6

"Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: **I am the First and I am the Last**; besides Me there is no God.

### Isaiah 48:12

Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; **I am the first and the last.**

### Revelation 22:13-16

**i am the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last..... :16** "i, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches.

*He's the Jesus – who comforts us*

**2.) With all power**

**v.18**

## JESUS CHRIST IS THE ALMIGHTY GOD !

*I am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold,  
I am alive forevermore. Amen...

I Invite You Today - To Know Life Forever More!  
I Plead With You Today - Have Your Sins Forgiven!  
I Beg For Your Own Soul Today - Give Him Your Life!

### #4

***I Am He who lives, and was dead...***

### ***I am He who lives,***

That is; "Alive, Never to Die Again"

### ***and was dead, and behold,***

That is; "My Body Suffered to the Extreme – Look at It!"

### #5

***I Am alive forevermore***

### ***I am alive forevermore.***

That is; I Will be Alive Throughout The Eons Upon Eons  
of Ages, Epochs Without End,

### **Christian - How Long Will You Live in Heaven?**

Alive Throughout The Eons Upon Eons  
of Ages, Epochs Without End,

### **Christian - How Long Will You Be Secure in Heaven?**

Saved Throughout The Eons Upon Eons  
of Ages, Epochs Without End,

**Hebrews 7:25**

Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

**Amen...** "This the Truth"

*He's the Jesus – who comforts us*

**3.) With all rule**

**v.18**

**#6**

***I have the keys to hell and of death***

...And I have the keys of Hades (hell) and of Death.

**" Satan's Been Evicted Friend "**

all he can do now is panic

**panic** by blinding people to the truth

**panic** by keeping you busy instead of serving

**panic** by stealing you away from worship

**panic** by having you be lazy toward church things

**Why Would You Be On The Side of a Defeated Team?**

***Jesus Has The Supreme Rule***

**WHO IS JESUS CHRIST TODAY?**

**IV.) He is the Jesus – who comforts us**

**vv. 19-20**

***Know These Things – Write Them Down !***

Write the things; which you **have seen**, and the things **which are**, and the things **which will take place after this**. :20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels (protecting angels or faithful pastors) of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

**Jesus Christ Himself  
Gives Us the Outline of the Entire Book**

It's So Important – He says, "Write it Down"

*He's the Jesus – who wants us to know*

**1.) That He knows**

**v.19**

Write the things;  
#1 - which you **have seen**, (Chapter 1)  
#2 - and the things **which are**, (Chapters 2-3)  
#3 - and the things **which will take place after this**. (Chapters 4-22)

*He's the Jesus – who wants us to know*

**2.) That He will teach us**

**v.20**

:20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: The seven stars are the angels (protecting angels or faithful pastors) of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.

# He will Teach Us About Himself

What do We Know so Far?

**He is Jesus**

**He is The Christ**

**He is the Faithful Witness**

**He is The First Begotten of the Dead**

**He is The prince of the Kings of the earth**

**He is The One who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood**

**He is The one who comes with clouds**

**He is The one who was pierced for us**

**He is The alpha and the Omega**

**He is The beginning and the Ending**

**He is The First and the Last**

**He is the Lord**

**He is the Almighty**

**He is The Son of Man**

**He is He that Liveth and was dead and is Alive forevermore!**

**THIS IS WHO JESUS CHRIST IS**

Is This The Jesus To You Today?