



SEEING JESUS AS HE IS TODAY

Sermon Notes

Text: Revelation 1:9-20

Intro:

What would Jesus look like if you saw him today?

In Revelation we learn that Things are not always as they seem

Revelation helps us see beyond what our physical senses can comprehend, so that we can recognize the hidden and invisible spiritual realities of the present and the future.

Revelation is a practical discipleship manual to help us here and now.

Revelation 1:9-11

John is on a prison colony for preaching about Jesus. He is trying to help other Christians prepare to properly respond to coming persecution and tribulation.

In the midst of intense persecution and suffering, Jesus provides the churches with a Revelation of himself.

Revelation 1:12-16

Daniel 7:14 - the son of man

The first of 7 descriptions of Jesus in the book:

- White hair
- Eyes like fire
- Feet like bronze
- Voice like water
- Seven stars in hand
 - Colossians 1:17
- Sword from his mouth
 - Hebrews 4:12; Isaiah 49:2
- Face like the sun
 - Numbers 6:24-26

Revelation 1:17-20

The most common command in the Bible is “do not fear”

All fear is rooted in the fear of death

Where is Jesus now? What is he doing? What does he look like? your answer to those questions will determine your response in times of tribulation.

Psalm 34:18

Conclusion:

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. How would you describe what you looked like as a teenager (clothing style, hair, attitude)? Is it embarrassing to think about it? Funny? Nostalgic?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. When we think about Jesus' appearance and nature, we normally only think about his 33 years on earth. Revelation 1:9-20 reveals a much different look. Re-read the passage and comment on the differences between Jesus as portrayed in the gospels and Jesus the Jesus John saw. If we remembered Jesus like this more often, how would it change our perspective on who he is? Who we are?
2. Read Daniel 7:9-14. What do you notice about the description of God (the "Ancient of Days") in v. 9-10? What does the passage say about the "one like a son of man"? What connections are there between this passage and Revelation 1?
3. Jesus said, "Do not be afraid...I hold the keys of death" (v. 18). It has been said that all fear is rooted in the fear of death. Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Why? How does this vision of Jesus help us overcome fear?

Prayer:

- Pray for a revelation of Jesus that will help you overcome fear.

Other Requests

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