

Jesus is...

- 1) the Christ, Messiah, or Anointed One! (1:5)
- 2) the Faithful Witness! (1:5)
- 3) the first to rise from the dead (The firstborn of the dead)! (1:5)
- 4) the ruler of all the kings of the world! (1:5)
- 5) the One who loves us! (1:5)
- 6) the One who has freed us from our sin through his sacrificial death! (1:5)
 - a. He freed us from sin's penalty – Justification
 - b. He is freeing us from sin's power – Sanctification
 - c. He will free us from sin's presence - Glorification
- 7) the One who gives us access to God! (1:6)
- 8) the One who will return as He has promised – in all His glory! (1:7)
- 9) the Alpha and Omega (1:8 connected to Jesus in 22:16)!
- 10) in the middle of His churches, He is the One who is with us! (1:13)
- 11) our High Priest! (1:13)
- 12) our all wise and holy Judge. (1:14-16)
- 13) holy! (1:17)
- 14) our comforter and the one who makes it possible for us to be in the presence of a Holy God. (1:17)
- 15) God. (1:17-18)
 - a. I Am (Exodus 3:14) John's I Am Statements)
 - i. God replied to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM.^[a] Say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you."
 - ii. Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!^[a]" ⁵⁹ At that point they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden from them and left the Temple. (John 8:58-59)
 - b. The First and the Last
 - i. This is what the LORD says—Israel's King and Redeemer, the LORD of Heaven's Armies: "I am the First and the Last; there is no other God. (Isaiah 44:6)
 - ii. "Listen to me, O family of Jacob, Israel my chosen one!
I alone am God,
the First and the Last. (Isaiah 48:12)
 - c. The Living One
 - i. I long, yes, I faint with longing
to enter the courts of the LORD.
With my whole being, body and soul,
I will shout joyfully to the living God. (Psalm 84:2)
 - ii. Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah,^[a] the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16)

16) the One who is alive...forevermore! (1:18)

17) is Victorious over death! (1:18)

a. Colossians 2:13-15

Discussion Questions

- 1) Which of the descriptions of Jesus means the most to you right now in your life? Why?
- 2) Can you think of another thing that Jesus is from Revelation 1 that is not mentioned in the list above? If so, what does that description of Jesus mean for us as believers?
- 3) In Jesus' claim to be the first and the last, the word for last is the same Greek word we use to obtain the word eschatology. Eschatology is the study of the end things or times. In 1:17, we are reminded that the study of eschatology is more than simply a study and debate surrounding future people and events and the order that they may occur but rather a study on a single Person – Jesus and His return. How might a change of focus towards the One that eschatology is about and away from chronologic timelines of events and people change how we study or view the end times?
- 4) How could you use Revelation 1 to help others see that Jesus is God?
- 5) How might Revelation 1 encourage you to remain faithful to Jesus despite consistent resistance and hardships? How might this picture of Jesus have encouraged John's original audience from what you already know about the background of this book?
- 6) One last thought, Christ was found in the middle of the lampstands with His face was like the sun in all of its brilliance. Since the lamps that represent His Church were made of pure gold, what do you think they did as Christ's glory shined on them? (They shined bright, reflected the light of His glory.) Read Philippians 2:15. How might we live so that we reflect Christ's glory into a dark world?
- 7) How will you allow and use this magnificent description of our glorified Jesus shape your personal worship this week?
- 8) What questions do you still have or would like to ask Thomas about Revelation 1:1-20?