



Discussion Notes

Easter Sunday • Revelation 1:18

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Engage:

- Read Revelation 1:18
- At your initial reading, what stands out to you? Consider key themes, words, phrases, and people.
- John received this revelation of Jesus, near the end of His life. He was imprisoned in a Roman prison cell on the isle of Patmos. The church was being persecuted and was scattered abroad for safety reasons.

Observe:

- What comes to your mind when you think that John's revelation of end times begins with John recording what Jesus says first, which is to "Look at Him?"
- Jesus says, "I am the Living One."
 - How does the resurrection of Jesus make Christianity different from other religions?
 - What is the difference between honoring a statue of a person and being with the person alive?
- Jesus says, "I was dead, and now I am alive forever."
 - Jesus, the very Son of God, came to earth, born as a baby, lived as a human being — a perfect life. He taught us all about our human struggle with sin and disobedience.
 - God knew that we didn't have any power to do anything about this. So, He Himself came down to earth to do something.
 - Human sin, our sin, had to be paid for, and so it was — with Jesus' costly sacrifice. A wage more than any of us could ever pay. All of our sins came upon the body of Jesus on the cross.
- At the end of His life, while on the cross, He cried out, "It is finished" — literally meaning, "it is paid in full." The price for our sins — all our sins — was totally paid by the death of Jesus on the cross. *Read: 1 Peter 2:24*
- Jesus says, "I hold the keys of death and Hades."
 - He holds the keys to open for us the abundance of His love and His life.

Apply:

- What is your key take-away from this passage?
- Do you have a clear vision of Jesus right now?
- In what ways does blurry vision of Jesus affect our relationship with Jesus and us fully benefitting from all He has died and rose again to give us?
- Why does Jesus want us to look clearly at Him (Jesus) who is right in front us, before we try sorting out our needs of the future?
- What concerns do you have about the future, and how does knowing Jesus is with you give you peace and courage?
- Pray for each other.