

# THE UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

*"Jesus At The Center"*

**Revelation 1:9-20**

## INTRODUCTION:

1. In Revelation Jesus appeared to John in his glorified state as King and Lord of all.

a) *Isaiah 53:7*

## I. THE VISION

1. John wrote Revelation like so many other writers of the Bible, under persecution and suffering.

a) **Moses** wrote the wilderness.

b) **David** penned much of the Psalms while on the run from Saul.

c) **Isaiah** was martyred by being sawn in two.

d) **Ezekiel** was in exile.

e) **Jeremiah** was oppressed

f) **Paul** went through all sorts of trials - *2 Timothy 3:11-12*

2. Suffering is the common denominator of God's people as exemplified by Jesus Himself.

a) *John 15:19-20*

b) *2 Timothy 2:3*

3. Historian Tacitus says, *"The sea was thickly strewn with exiles in those days. The crags (sharp rocks) were stained with the blood of victims."*

4. Why was John persecuted?

a) Vs 9b Why???

1) *"for the Word of God"*

2) *"and for the testimony of Jesus Christ"* (His personal testimony)

5. The reason Roman Emperor Domitian wanted rid of John was he was the leader of the believers in Asia Minor, living in Ephesus.

6. John was persecuted for his testimony!! WOW!!!

a) *John 13:23, 20:2; 21:7, 20*

1) John was the disciple that **Jesus loved!!!**

## II. THE VISION RECEIVED

1. Vs 10a

a) *"I was in the Spirit"*

b) John moved upward to see things in heaven and forward to see things in time.

2. Vs 10b

a) *"on the Lord's day"*

3. **VERY IMPORTANT:** This is a reference to the *"Day of the Lord"*

a) *"The Day of the Lord"* is a time when God personally intervenes in history to accomplish His plan.

b) *Isaiah 2:12, 13:6,9*

c) *Isaiah 7:18-25*

4. The Day of the Lord begins with the Rapture of the Church and continues through the Millenium.

a) This is when God brings human history to a climax culminating with the Great white Judgment seat of God.

b) *Revelation 21:3-4*

**III. THE RECIPIENTS OF THE VISION**

1. Vs 11

a) *"to the seven churches"*

2. Vs 12

a) *"seven golden lampstands"*

6. **VERY IMPORTANT:** In Christ's absence, His church is to be the light of the world.

3. Vs 11

**IV. THE JESUS WHO IS**

1. Vs 12

**A. THE LOCATION OF CHRIST**

1. Vs 13

a) *"and in the midst"*

2. *Matthew 18:20*

3. What is Jesus doing? He is functioning as KING

4. Imagery of Lampstand

a) **Golden Lampstand** - is made of pure gold = Purity of Christ

- b) **Clay Lamps** - Human frailty
- c) **Oil** - Holy Spirit
- d) **Wick** - is the Gospel message
- e) *The lamp is to illuminate the beauty of the lampstand.*

## B. THE IMAGE OF CHRIST

### 1. Vs 13

- a) *"one like the son of man"*
  - 1) A reference to the God man. 100% God - 100% man.

### 2. Vs 13

- a) *"clothed with a long robe"*
  - 1) Cf. *Isaiah 6:1*

### 3. Vs 13

- a) *"and with golden sash around his chest"*
  - 1) A picture of His righteous justice.
- b) *Isaiah 11:5*

### 4. John 13:4-5

### 5. Vs 14a

- a) *"The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow"*
  - 1) Speaks of his purity and wisdom in his judgment.

### 6. Vs 14b

- a) *"His eyes were like a flame of fire"*
  - 1) *Psalms 11:4*
  - 2) Jesus sees into the deepest part of our souls.
  - 3) *Hebrews 4:13*
- b) Nothing is hid from God!!!

### 7. Vs 15a

- a) *"His feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace."*
  - 1) One day Jesus will put all His enemies under His feet in judgment.
- b) The same feet of the One who brought the Gospel (*Isaiah 52:7; Romans 10:15*) are now the feet of the Righteous judge of those who reject the Gospel.

### 8. Vs 15b

- a) *"his voice was like the roar of many waters"*
  - 1) *Psalms 29:4*

2) *Ezekiel 43:2*

9. Vs 16

- a) *"from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword"*
  - 1) *Ephesians 6:17*
  - 2) *Hebrews 4:12*
  - 3) *Revelation 19:15, 21*

10. Vs 16

- a) *"In his right hand he held seven stars"*
  - 1) Speaking of His control!!
  - 2) Vs 20
  - 3) **Seven Stars** - messengers = *preachers*

11. **QUESTION:** Where are the preachers? In his right hand!!

- a) *James 3:1*

12. Vs 16

- a) *"and his face was like the sun shining in full strength"*
  - 1) What a picture of the glory of the Lord.
- b) *Matthew 17:1-2*
- c) *Acts 26:12-13*

13. *Revelation 20:11-15*

14. *1 Corinthians 3:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10,*

V. RESPONSE TO THE VISION

1. Vs 17

- a) *"When I saw him I fell at his feet as dead."*

2. **THREE REASONS NOT TO FEAR**

a) Vs 17

- 1) Jesus is the eternal God

b) Vs 18

- 1) Jesus is the resurrected God

c) Vs 18

- 1) Jesus holds the Keys of Death and Hell