



Revelation Series: the Real Jesus

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In Revelation chapter 1 the curtain is pulled back to unveil a spiritual world where God is real and speaks. In the opening verses, truths about the nature of God are revealed but the focus is on the **Real Jesus**. We are reminded that he is loving but the amazing vision John has of him which is full of symbolic language focuses on his Glory.

Zoom Out

People in our culture have a variety of beliefs from atheism to faith, but there seems to be an increasing openness to spirituality online. Revelation chapter 1 reveals aspects about who God is that run like threads through the rest of the book. For example, in verses 4-5 we see that God is: eternal, trinitarian (one God in 3 persons), and knowable through Jesus.

Zoom In

The Real Jesus is:

- **Loving (v 5-6)**

Love is defined and demonstrated by Jesus shedding his blood to set us free. We all need to be freed from our sins. It is a challenge to have this move from our heads to our hearts, but what Jesus has done changes everything:

- We have been freed in the past from the penalty of sin by a crucified Savior.
- We are being freed in the present from the power of sin by a living Savior.
- We shall be freed in the future from the presence of sin by a coming Savior.

- **Glorious (v10-18)**

John's vision of Jesus reveals his glory in beautiful symbolic imagery. The different aspects can be grouped under:

Jesus our Priest (v13), Jesus our King (v14-15), Jesus our Prophet (15-16)

Press In

- **Do not fear but do revere**

We can become more familiar with Jesus' love than his glory. This passage reminds us that Jesus is glorious, majestic and mighty. Make time to reflect on Jesus' glory this week as well as his love.

- **Do not fear for he is near**

We face challenges in our journey of faith just like the first hearers of Revelation. We too can take courage that Jesus is with us and that we'll be raised with him.

For reflection:

- Have you seen an increased openness to Christianity and spirituality in your context (i.e: Diary of a CEO interview between Steven Bartlett and John Lennox)?
- How might you grow in your reverence for Jesus and his glory?
- Bring some challenges you're facing to Jesus knowing he is near.