

REVELATION 1:9-20

September 21st, 2025

MESSAGE RECAP

John, exiled on Patmos, receives a vision of Jesus unlike any earthly picture we've seen before. Instead of the gentle healer or suffering servant, John encounters the risen, reigning Christ — glorious, powerful, and terrifyingly holy. Revelation pulls back the curtain to show us Jesus in His heavenly majesty: the Son of Man, the First and the Last, the Living One who holds the keys of death and Hades. This vision reminds us that our view of Jesus is often too small — and challenges us to see Him as He truly is.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. After listening to the message, what stood out to you?
2. When you picture Jesus in your mind, what image usually comes first? (A painting, movie, story from the Gospels, or something else?)
3. Read Revelation 1:9-11
 - a. Why is it important that Jesus gives this revelation to real churches in real places?
4. Read Revelation 1:12-16
 - a. Which description of Jesus (robe, white hair, fiery eyes, bronze feet, rushing waters, stars, sword, shining face) stands out to you most — and why?
 - b. What truth does that particular image reveal about who Jesus is?
 - c. How do these images expand or challenge your view of Jesus?
5. Read Revelation 1:17-20
 - a. John falls as though dead, but Jesus touches him: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I was dead and now look - I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."
 - b. Why do you think John reacted by falling "as though dead"?
 - c. How do you think you would have responded in that moment?
 - d. How does this change the way we face fear, death, or suffering?
6. Matt Proctor's line: "The problem isn't that we don't think about Jesus, it's that we don't think big enough about Jesus."
 - a. How is that true in your life right now?
 - b. How is that true in our church, community, country, and world right now?