

# SEEING JESUS

REVELATION 1:9-20

-- **Big Idea: Listen to Jesus, for He is awesome in power and glory as our Prophet, Priest, and King.**

-- v. 9 – John introduces himself as a *“your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus.”*

-- As the church, we are partners in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ (Philippians 1:29, 2 Timothy 3:12).

-- The Christian life is a call to endure tribulation patiently because we have the unshakable promise of everlasting victory in Christ.

-- v. 10-11 – John was given a vision from God, which he is commanded by Christ to share with the church.

-- v. 12 – John sees \_\_\_\_\_ standing before him in the incomparable splendor of His eternal glory.

-- This vision is not just about *who* Jesus is, but also about *what* He is doing right now in His exalted status as the resurrected Messiah.

## 1.) Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ as Priest (v 12-13).

-- For Jesus to stand in the midst of the seven lampstands is for Him to stand in the midst of His \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 20).

-- The robe and the sash point to Jesus as Priest (Exodus 28:4).

-- Verses 12 and 13 give us a vision of Jesus actively fulfilling His role as High Priest in and among local congregations of His church.

-- The active priesthood of Christ in the church highlights the supreme importance and centrality of the church among institutions of the earth.

-- The nearer our hearts are to the heart of our Lord, the more interested and invested in His church we will be.

-- Because Christ is ever interceding before the Father on our behalf, we have uncompromised \_\_\_\_\_ in our salvation (Heb. 7:25-26).

## 2. Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ as King (v. 13-18).

-- v. 13 – John looks at Jesus in His exalted glory and recognizes Him as the \_\_\_\_\_ from Daniel’s vision (Daniel 7:9-14).

-- Even as the Son of Man, Jesus simultaneously possesses the qualities of the Father, whom Daniel sets forth as the Ancient of Days.

-- To stand in the presence of Christ is to stand in the presence of the one true God who is the King and Ruler of all.

-- v. 13-16 – Every description of Jesus in today’s text fulfils a description of God the Messiah in the \_\_\_\_\_ (Daniel 7, 10; Exodus 28, Ezekiel 43; Isaiah 49).

-- The OT allusions in this passage are pointing directly to Christ and screaming to everyone who will listen, “Here is your King!”

-- These descriptions are not meant to tell us what Jesus *looks* like, but to tell us what He *is* like.

-- v. 17-18 – The exalted Jesus in the fullness of His righteous glory is absolutely \_\_\_\_\_ to behold.

-- We are commanded not to be afraid because, even though Jesus is absolutely frightening in power, He is one with His church.

-- Because Jesus is the one King who owns the keys of death and Hades, we can face whatever comes with uncompromising confidence in Him.

## 3.) Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ as Prophet (v. 19-20).

-- Today’s verses repeatedly emphasize the fact that Jesus is communicating truth that the churches need to hear (v. 11, 19).

-- Christ’s role as Prophet is portrayed through the imagery of the seven stars in His right hand (v. 16, 20).

-- The speech that proceeds from Christ’s mouth is an awesome weapon for accomplishing His eternal will (v. 16).

-- John describes the divinity, glory, and supremacy of Christ in order to emphasize His \_\_\_\_\_ to speak truth and be obeyed.

-- John is presenting a vision of Christ’s awesome, everlasting glory and urging us to “\_\_\_\_\_!” (Matthew 17:1-7)

-- *Are you seeing Jesus as He really is? How will that vision change who you are, how you think, what you say, and what you will do?*