

## **THE REALITY OF JESUS**

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Revelation 1:9-20

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### **INTRODUCTION: REALITY**

? Is what we are experiencing now real or is it just a shadow of some greater reality?

#### **1 Corinthians 13:12**

For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.

**Proposition:** Jesus is coming to judge the earth and we are warned to live in light of His coming.

### **I. JOHN'S REALITY**

A. THE ISLAND OF PATMOS, V. 9

B. THE DAY WAS SUNDAY, VV. 10, 11

### **II. THE REALITY OF JESUS**

A. A MAN IN THE MIDDLE OF LAMPSTANDS

You find this title, "Son of Man" throughout the Bible from Job to revelation. It has different connotations in different contexts.

1. Human

It is often used to demonstrate the frailty of mankind.

**Psalm 144:3, 4**

O Lord, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that You think of him?  
Man is like a mere breath;  
His days are like a passing shadow.

## 2. A Human With Authority

**John 5:27** (brackets mine)

and [God] gave [Jesus] authority to execute judgment, because He is the Son of Man.

Daniel 7:13

## B. A MAN DRESSED AS A JUDGE

The Long Robe:

The Sash:

## C. A MAN WITH THE QUALITIES OF A JUDGE

1. White Hair:

2. Flaming Eyes:

3. Bronze Feet:

4. Voice Like Rushing Water:

5. Hand Holding Stars:

6. Face Like the Sun:

## III. THE COMMAND, VV. 17-19

After the initial excitement, Jesus utters two commands, “Don’t be afraid” and “Write these things.”

### A. COMFORT: DON’T BE AFRAID!

### B. MISSION: WRITE!

? What is the mission exactly?

Stars=

? Where are the stars?

? Who has authority over the angels?

Hebrews 13:17

Lampstands=

? Who is in the middle of the lampstands?

? Which part of the book was written to the seven churches?

## **CONCLUSION: JESUS IN ALL HIS GLORY**

Revelation 21:6-8

## **APPLICATION: WHAT IS YOUR REALITY?**

The book of Revelation asks you to examine your actions and your attitudes and to ask yourself, "What do these things reveal about what I think is real?" If Jesus were here, how much of my life would be disrupted?

1. Some people are spiritually careless.

Matthew 24:23, 24

2. Some people carry on as if this life were all there is.

Matthew 24:36-39

3. Some people faithfully serving Jesus.

Matthew 24:45-47

4. Some people waste their time on worldly activity.

Matthew 24:48-51

? What would change in my life if I understood Jesus as the greater reality?