

## DAY 7: THE WONDER OF THE JESUS WE DON'T TRULY KNOW

I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet 11 saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea. 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lamp-stands, 13 and in the midst of the lamp-stands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. 14 The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, 15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. 16 In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. 17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, 18 and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. 19 Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. 20 As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lamp-stands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lamp-stands are the seven churches. ([Revelation 1:9-20](#))

### I. THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

- A. Jesus' ache and yearning for us is that we would know him
- B. Paul's prayer is that we would know the wonders and depths of God as revealed in Christ
- C. The description of Jesus ([v. 14-17](#)) must be read slowly and with great consideration for its depth
  1. These phrases are identical to scripture used to describe God in the Old Testament
  2. Now Jesus, the Messiah, is being described in the same exact language
    - a) The description of Jesus matches that which was prophesied in Daniel and Ezekiel
  3. The description of Jesus is almost like a summary of Old Testament prophecy
  4. There is an intentional connection to represent the fact that the Messiah is God-incarnate
- D. John's encounter with Jesus stirs so much emotion that he falls on his face as though he was dead, the experience holds this level of intensity ([v. 17](#))

**II. THE DEPTHS OF GOD AND THE FACES OF JESUS REVEALED IN THE BOR**

- A. There are many descriptions, but 5 stand out
- B. This issue is more monumental than any other: who is Jesus and what is He like?

**III. THE LAMB OF GOD**

- A. In a book that describes judgment and wrath, it's important to note that one of the primary descriptions of Jesus is "Lamb of God"
- B. Old Testament: prophetic foreshadow
- C. New Testament: Jesus' death on the cross as the blood of the Passover Lamb
- D. The Lamb tears the first seals (has mercy and wrath)

**IV. THE KING**

- A. The kingship of Jesus in the BOR is very tangible, He is a literal king who will rule a literal kingdom
- B. Jesus is not coming back to establish a democracy, but a theocracy
  - 1. A new kingdom unlike anything we have seen or experienced before

**V. THE JUDGE**

- A. Jesus stands as a judge, but described as the Lamb doing the judging
- B. We do not typically like to see Jesus as a judge, but the judgement of Jesus is our only hope for righteousness
- C. Judgement produces righteousness, but this is not widely accepted in our generation

**VI. THE BRIDEGROOM**

- A. Jesus wants to be related to within the framework of a covenant that resembles a marriage
- B. Establishing a wedding feast ([Matthew 22](#))
- C. "You will call me... husband" ([Hosea 2](#))

**VII. THE MILITARY LEADER**

- A. "The root of David" is connecting to the fact that, historically, David knew war
- B. Jesus the King will know war as ancient kings did
- C. He does not call us to fight his wars; Jesus will lead his own holy war