

SERMON:

Revelation 1:9-20

**Revealing Jesus Christ:
The Risen and Reigning One**

SUMMARY STATEMENT

The Revelation of John is a Christocentric book that shows us the pattern of this world from Christ's first coming to His second coming.

John wants us to see the spiritual realities around us, to recognize the dangers that face us, and to know that God is going to win.

Revelation calls us, then, to wisdom, to perseverance, and to worship.

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Proposition: John's first vision reveals Jesus to be the risen and the reigning one. Focusing on Jesus in the midst of trial and tribulation will be what sustains the church, and thus the Church must be ready to hear His voice and follow Him.

A. The Purpose of the Risen Christ

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- 1. Jesus' kingdom was opposed by the world leading to tribulation**
- 2. John himself was no stranger to the growing persecution**
- 3. The world and the kingdom of God were at odds with one another**

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 - 1. A warning: suffering for Christ will not be unusual**
 - 2. An exhortation: suffering for Christ is always worth it**

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Sunday?
or the Day of the Lord?

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JOEL 2:1-2, 11

¹Blow a trumpet in Zion; sound an alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming; it is near, ²a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness! Like blackness there is spread upon the mountains a great and powerful people; their like has never been before, nor will be again after them through the years of all generations... ¹¹The LORD utters his voice before his army, for his camp is exceedingly great; he who executes his word is powerful. For the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?

JOEL 2:12-17

¹²"Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts and not your garments." "Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster. ¹⁴Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the LORD your God? ¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion; consecrate a fast; call a solemn assembly; ¹⁶gather the people. Consecrate the congregation; assemble the elders; gather the children, even nursing infants. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her chamber. ¹⁷Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep and say, "Spare your people, O LORD, and make not your heritage a reproach, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"

JOEL 2:18-21

¹⁸Then the LORD became jealous for his land and had pity on his people. ¹⁹The LORD answered and said to his people, "Behold, I am sending to you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations. ²⁰"I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his vanguard into the eastern sea, and his rear guard into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things. ²¹"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

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1. An Overwhelming Glory

REVELATION 1:1-3 apocalypse = to unveil a mystery

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

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ZECHARIAH 4:1-7

A greater Zerubbabel who
will complete God's house

¹And the angel who talked with me came again and woke me, like a man who is awakened out of his sleep. ²And he said to me, "What do you see?" I said, "I see, and behold, a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it, and seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³And there are two olive trees by it, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left." ⁴And I said to the angel who talked with me, "What are these, my lord?" ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, "Do you not know what these are?" I said, "No, my lord." ⁶Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain. And he shall bring forward the top stone amid shouts of 'Grace, grace to it!'"

DANIEL 7:13-14

¹³"I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

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John sees Jesus in His glory, and knows that He will assuredly win the victory and complete His work

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DANIEL 7:9-12

⁹"As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of Days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹¹"I looked then because of the sound of the great words that the horn was speaking. And as I looked, the beast was killed, and its body destroyed and given over to be burned with fire. ¹²As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away, but their lives were prolonged for a season and a time.

EZEKIEL 1:22-25

²² Over the heads of the living creatures there was the likeness of an expanse, shining like awe-inspiring crystal, spread out above their heads. ²³And under the expanse their wings were stretched out straight, one toward another. And each creature had two wings covering its body. ²⁴And when they went, I heard the sound of their wings like the sound of many waters, like the sound of the Almighty, a sound of tumult like the sound of an army. When they stood still, they let down their wings. ²⁵And there came a voice from above the expanse over their heads. When they stood still, they let down their wings.

EZEKIEL 1:26-28

²⁶And above the expanse over their heads there was the likeness of a throne, in appearance like sapphire; and seated above the likeness of a throne was a likeness with a human appearance. ²⁷And upward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were gleaming metal, like the appearance of fire enclosed all around. And downward from what had the appearance of his waist I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness around him. ²⁸Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness all around. Such was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the LORD. And when I saw it, I fell on my face, and I heard the voice of one speaking.

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John sees Jesus in His glory, and knows that
He shares God's own glory and power

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MATTHEW 28:18-20

¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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- 2. Authority over Our Fears**

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If Jesus has all authority and we are His,
then we have no reason to fear anything

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- 3. Authority over History**

If Jesus has all authority, then He is in control of our story from beginning to end

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KIDS' QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF REVELATION?

Revelation tells us that ⁽¹⁾ the world is the enemy of God and ⁽²⁾ that God wins.

KIDS' QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE CALL OF REVELATION?

Revelation call us to ⁽¹⁾ keep following
Christ and ⁽²⁾ to worship Him forever.

KIDS' QUESTION:

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF REVELATION?

To ⁽¹⁾ show us the truth of Jesus, ⁽²⁾ call us to trust in Jesus' victory, and ⁽³⁾ call us to keep following Jesus.

KIDS' QUESTION:

WHAT TRUTHS ARE CENTRAL TO REVELATION?

Revelation is based on ⁽¹⁾ God's sovereignty, ⁽²⁾ God's gospel, ⁽³⁾ God's power, and ⁽⁴⁾ God's victory.

KIDS' QUESTION:

**WHERE DO WE NEED TO KEEP OUR EYES
WHEN WE HAVE TROUBLE IN THIS WORLD?**

We must keep our eyes on the glory
and the authority of Jesus
and know that He is going to win.