

Christ Among the Lampstands | Revelation 1:9-20

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. Opening Question: Have you ever had a moment when you realized someone you thought you knew had far more depth, skill, or power than you realized? What was that like?
2. Read Revelation 1:9-20.
3. John describes himself as “your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus.” How do those three ideas—tribulation, kingdom, and patient endurance—fit together in the Christian life today?
4. John receives this vision “on the Lord’s Day.” How does that phrase shape your view of Sunday worship? Do you treat Sunday as “the Lord’s Day” or more as “your day”?
5. The sermon said Jesus stands among the lampstands, the churches, as a priest who keeps the lamps burning. Where do you see Jesus sustaining His church—or sustaining you personally—when you might otherwise lose hope?
6. John had known Jesus personally, but in this vision he sees Him in overwhelming glory—eyes of fire, feet of bronze, a voice like rushing waters. Why do you think it’s important for believers to see and remember this side of Jesus?
7. Jesus’ eyes see all things, and His judgments are perfectly righteous. How should that truth both comfort and challenge you in your daily life?
8. John fell at Christ’s feet “as though dead,” but Jesus touched him and said, “Fear not.” When have you needed to hear that same word from Christ? How do His identity and resurrection speak to your fears?
9. The sermon connected John’s encounter with Christ to the pattern of our worship service: call to worship → confession → assurance → instruction. How does seeing worship this way—mirroring biblical encounters with God—change your sense of what happens on Sunday mornings?