

Eyes on the King

Sermon: Eyes on the King
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How is your vision in 2020?

Discernment: The ability to grasp and comprehend what is obscure; to make sense out of chaos, to make wise decisions.

The Book of Revelation - written by John from prison about AD 95, around 60 years after Jesus left earth.

2 Big Ideas

1. **Jesus is King**
2. **Those who serve Jesus as King will Overcome**

The fruit of reading Revelation is a greater worshiper, not a greater worrier

The revelation from Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, who testifies to everything he saw—that is, the word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ. Revelation 1:1,2

Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.

Revelation 1:3

Revelation starts with a promise - those who read it will be blessed - encouragement and hope

God is already working out what you're worried about

Revelation is my hope manifesto

*To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the **seven spirits** before his throne
Revelation 1:4*

The number SEVEN, when used in the Scriptures, signifies PERFECTION, or COMPLETENESS

Seven Spirits: Sevenfold Spirit

*The Spirit of the **Lord** will rest on him- the Spirit of **wisdom** and of **understanding**, the Spirit of **counsel** and of **might**, the Spirit of the **knowledge** and **fear** of the Lord.
Isaiah 11:2*

*“**Look, he is coming** with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him”. Revelation 1:7*

Look - Jesus is coming back

The true north of our compass always points to the return of Jesus. He will make this world right. Keep your eyes on the king!

Son of Man: Fully human

Robe: Representing being our priest

Golden Sash: Representing authority and strength

Hair white as wool: Sageness, wisdom and purity

Blazing eyes: Pure eyes, without corruption

Bronze feet: Judgement or conquest

The greater the revelation we have of who Jesus is, the greater the revelation we have of who we are destined to be

We are image bearers of Jesus

QUESTIONS:

1-Read the following verses in Revelation and identify the attributes of Jesus in each. Choose 2-3 and share how those attributes encourage you.

Revelation 1:5; 1:8-13; 1:13, 18; 3:7; 3:14; 4:11; 5:5,9; 5:8,9; 17:14; 19:11; 20:4; 22:6; 22:16

2-How can reading Revelation give us hope?

3-Revelation gives us the chance to know the end of the story - Does that impact how you live each day? If so, what does that look like?

4-Read Revelation 1:12-18 What aspect of who Jesus is are you most comfortable with? What aspect is harder for you to accept or understand?

5-As an image bearer of Jesus, what do the statements made in the previous verses mean to you?