

Final Countdown: The Book Of Revelation
“Seeing Jesus Clearly”
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
August 9, 2020

Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

“**Blessed** is the one who **reads** 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 (NIV) Remember Verse

To Have a Clearer Vision of Jesus, I need to See Him with Holy Awe

- **Jesus is Coming with the Clouds of Heaven with Power and Glory**

“Look, **He is coming with the clouds**, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of Him. So shall it be! Amen.” **Revelation 1:7 (NIV) [Zechariah 12:10, Daniel 7]**

“... they will see the SON OF MAN **COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY** with **power** and **great glory**.” **Matthew 24:30 (NASB)**

- **Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty, Eternal**

“I am the **Alpha** and the **Omega**,” says the Lord God, “**who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty**.” **Revelation 1:8 (NIV)**

- **“Like a Son of Man” Jesus will Rule for Eternity**

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw **seven golden lampstands**, and among the lampstands was someone “**like a son of man**,” **Revelation 1:12-13a**

“As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a **son of man** coming with the **clouds of heaven**. He approached the **Ancient One** and was led into His presence. He was given **authority, honor, and sovereignty** over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and language would obey him. **His rule is eternal**—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.”

Daniel 7:13-14 (NLT2)

- **Jesus is Our High Priest**

“...dressed in a **robe** reaching down to his feet and with a **golden sash** around his chest.” **Revelation 1:13b (NIV)**

“So then, since we have a great **High Priest** who has entered heaven, **Jesus** the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours **understands our weaknesses**, for He faced all of the same testings we do, yet **He did not sin**. So let us come boldly to the throne of our **gracious God**. There we will receive **His mercy**, and we will find **grace to help us** when we need it most.” **Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT2)**

- **Jesus Is Holy and Full of Wisdom**

“His head and hair were **white like wool**, as white as **snow**.” **Revelation 1:14 (NIV)**

“I watched as thrones were put in place and the Ancient One sat down to judge. His clothing was as **white as snow**, **His hair like purest wool**. He sat on a fiery throne with wheels of blazing fire” **Daniel 7:9 (NLT2)**

- **Jesus Judges and Atones for Our Sin**

“..and his **eyes** were like **blazing fire** His **feet** were like **bronze** glowing in a furnace.” **Revelation 1:14b-15a (NIV) [Exodus 38:1-2]**

- **Jesus Has the Voice of God**

“and his **voice** was like the sound of **rushing waters**.” **Revelation 1:15b (NIV)**

“Then the man brought me to the gate facing east, and I saw the **glory of the God** of Israel coming from the east. **His voice** was like the roar of rushing waters, and the land was radiant with his glory.” **Ezekiel 43:1-2 (NIV)**

- **Jesus Will Judge His People and Those Who Attack His People**

“In His right hand **He held seven stars**, and out of his **mouth** came a **sharp double-edged sword**. **His face** was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.” **Revelation 1:16 (NIV)**

“For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the **thoughts and intentions of the heart**.” **Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)**

- **Jesus is The First & Last. The Living One. He Holds The Keys To Death**

“**When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead**. Then He placed his right hand on me and said: “**Do not be afraid**. I am the **First and the Last**. I am the **Living One**; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I **hold the keys of death** and Hades.” **Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV)**

“Thus says the LORD, the **King of Israel** and his **Redeemer**, the LORD of hosts: ‘I am the **first** and I am the **last**, And there is no God besides Me.” **Isaiah 44:6 (NASB)**

➤ **How do you see Jesus?**

My next right step, I will:

- Set aside time to review Who Jesus is and worship Him
- Invite someone to join me in this study of the book of Revelation
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior
- Participate in The Return: Global Day of Prayer & Repentance - September 26

Final Countdown: The Book of Revelation
“Seeing Jesus”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
August 9, 2020



Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it under 12 minutes.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honor your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

- What thoughts from this week’s message encourage you to live like Jesus?

Icebreaker: Suppose you were to introduce Jesus Christ to a group...

What would you say about Him?

What would you include in your description of him?

Big Idea: God extends His mercy with a final countdown before He judges the World.

How does the big idea help us understand the book of Revelation?

Review the Remember Verse “**Blessed** is the one who **reads** 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 (NIV)**

Read Revelation 1:7-18

To Have a Clearer Vision of Jesus, I need to See Him with Holy Awe.

1. Review the list of descriptions of who Jesus is and how it affects believers.

- **Jesus is Coming with the Clouds of Heaven with Power and Glory 1:7**
- **Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the Almighty, Eternal 1:8**
- **"Like a Son of Man" Jesus will Rule for Eternity 1:13**
- **Jesus is Our High Priest 1:13**
- **Jesus Is Holy and Full of Wisdom 1:14-15**
- **Jesus Judges and Atones for Our Sin 1:14-15**

- **Jesus Has the Voice of God 1:14-15**
- **Jesus Will Judge His People & Those Who Attack His People 1:16**
- **Jesus is The First & Last. The Living One. He Holds the Keys to Death Revelation 1:17-18**

2. John is described in the Gospels as one of the three apostles who enjoyed a special relationship with Jesus. Of all the apostles, he was probably the closest to Jesus. How could John know Jesus so well and yet be awed by him?

3. Revelation describes a vision of our risen and powerful Lord. Meeting Christ might be an anxious experience for some; others might even decline if they had the opportunity. And yet one day we all will see him face to face, when he returns or when we die. It would be tragic for us to be unprepared, having neglected him during our lifetime. What do we need to do now to be ready to meet Christ?

4. John was also facing a time of persecution. He was in exile on the island of Patmos. How do times of persecution affect a person's attitude and outlook on life? How would the presence of Jesus, as He is seen here, affect the depression and disappointment felt by an exile?

5. How does Jesus make His presence felt in my life?

6. This vision came as a surprise to John. How has Jesus surprised me lately?

Resolve to take action:

7. Which of Jesus' titles mentioned in this chapter is most meaningful to me?

8. Which of these attributes do I most need to keep in mind?

What can I do to keep these characteristics of Jesus in mind as I go through this week?

9. What attribute of Christ am I most grateful for? Select one, and express my gratitude for that attribute each day this week.

10. Using the analogy of a lighting fixture, what would help us create more light as a church?

Close in prayer.