

THE ONE WHO OVERCOMES:

When We See Him, Revelation 1

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Message Summary.

Revelation was given to help us see Jesus clearly, trust Him deeply, and live faithfully. It shows us what's ahead, promises blessing as we hear and obey God's Word, points us to the risen and reigning Jesus, and calls us to respond. We study Revelation to become better disciples.

Key Scripture Summaries.

Revelation 1:1-3 | Revelation unveils Jesus and promises blessing to those who read, hear, and take its words to heart.

Revelation 1:9 | John is on Patmos because of his faithfulness and his testimony about Jesus.

Revelation 1:10-16 | John sees the risen, reigning Christ in overwhelming glory and authority.

Revelation 1:17-18 | Jesus tells John not to fear: He died, is alive forever, and reigns over death.

2 Peter 3:8-9 | God's apparent delay is patience, giving people opportunity to repent and come to Him.

Start Talking.

1. What words, images, or ideas come to mind when you think about Revelation?
2. What tends to make people curious, confused, or even afraid of Revelation?
3. When life feels uncertain, what usually gets most of your attention?

Start Thinking.

- Why is the Guardrail, "Let what's clear interpret what's confusing," important when studying Revelation?
- What does John say we should do with the words of this book? What kind of response does "take to heart" imply?
- Why is it important to remember that Revelation is ultimately about Jesus, not simply timelines, symbols, or the Antichrist?
- What details about Jesus stand out in Revelation 1? What do they reveal of His character, authority, and power?
- How does knowing Jesus reigns change the way a Christian can face uncertainty?

- What do Revelation 1:17-18 and the resurrection tell us about why followers of Jesus do not have to live in fear?



Start Sharing.

1. Which part of this week's message challenged or encouraged you the most?
2. It was said, "See Jesus clearly. See everything differently." Where do you most need a clearer view of Jesus right now?
3. What circumstance in your life feels like a mountain road where you cannot see around the next curve? How might trusting Jesus change the way you travel it?
4. What is something that tends to take the throne in your life (fear, control, money, career, politics, comfort, reputation, or something else)?
5. John saw Jesus and responded. What might God be asking you to confess, surrender, change, or obey?
6. Who in your life needs the hope of Jesus right now? What would it look like to share that hope with them this week?

Start Praying.

Jesus, help us see You clearly. When the future feels uncertain, keep our eyes on You. Give us faith instead of fear, obedience instead of speculation, and courage to live ready. Show us what needs to change in us. Help us trust that You reign, You are alive forever, and You will make all things new. Amen.

Start Doing.

- Read or listen to Revelation 1 each day this week. Ask: "Jesus, what do You want me to see about You?" Then ask: "What needs to change in me because that's true?"
- Choose a specific response this week: surrender something, confess something, forgive someone, repent of a sin, or tell someone about Jesus.
- Remember the takeaway: Look at Jesus. Live ready.