

Introduction: What would it be like to meet the risen Jesus today?

- Not the Jesus who lived among us.
- Not the Jesus who died on the cross.
- But the resurrected Jesus who is alive today.
- What if you didn't have to "imagine?"

The historical setting:

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

Revelation 1:9-11 (NIV)

The “unveiling” of the resurrected Jesus:

- ¹² *I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,*
- ¹³ *and among the lampstands was someone “like a son of man,” dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet and with a golden sash around His chest.*
- ¹⁴ *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like blazing fire.*
- ¹⁵ *His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of rushing waters.*
- ¹⁶ *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 1:12-16 (NIV)

Who does Jesus say that He is? – a picture of the risen Christ

1. General Appearance – “Son of Man” – I AM the Messiah, the Son of God and “Son of Man” the sovereign Ruler of all people, and nations and men of every language will worship Me.
Daniel 7:13-14
2. His Dress – “Robe/Golden Sash” – I AM the greatly honored One who exercises all authority and judgment as the once-and-for-all High Priest, Judge-King, and Prophet-Messenger of God.
Hebrews 5:5-10

3. His Head and Hair – “White as Wool” – I AM the Holy, Eternal One who is before all things, the all-wise, all-knowing God of time and eternity.

Daniel 7:9

4. His Eyes – “Blazing Fire” – I AM the Righteous Judge of all the earth, whose judgment is just because I see all things as they really are, not as they appear to be.

Revelation 2:18-20

5. His Feet – “Bronze Glowing” – I AM the all-powerful Judge, who will judge all creatures (visible and invisible) and trample the wicked under My feet.

Revelation 20:11-15

6. His Voice – “Many Waters” – I AM the One who spoke the world into existence out of nothing and upholds it by the Word of My power.

Hebrews 11:3, Colossians 1:16-17

7. His Right Hand – “The Stars” – I AM the Good Shepherd who will protect and provide for My bride, the Church, and protect My messengers (angels) by My great power and strength.

John 10:25-28

8. His Mouth – “Two-edged Sword” – I AM the Word made flesh who dwelt among you and explained the Father (full of truth and grace) and it is by My Word that I now judge you, My people (Hebrews 4:12-13), and by My Word destroy My enemies.

Revelation 19:19-21

9. His Face – “As Sun Shining” - I AM the radiant, brilliant, glorified second Person of the Godhead, who did not consider it robbery to “veil” My glory for a season on the earth to purchase people from every tribe, nation, and tongue to spend eternity with Me forever.

Philippians 2:6-11

John’s response to Jesus in His glory:

¹⁷ *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.*

¹⁸ *I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive forever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.”*

Revelation 1:17-18 (NIV)

Life’s Biggest Question:

Since we don’t have to imagine...

How will you respond to the living, resurrected Christ who says, “Do not be afraid, I am alive forever. I hold the keys to death and Hades.”?