

**REVEALED Jesus**  
*DCC March 30, 2025*

**Big Idea:** The images of Christ in Revelation reveal significant truths about who Jesus is and His mission in the world.

**Introduction:**

- What if Jesus is more than we've imagined? What if Revelation reveals a fuller, richer picture of Him?
- Revelation gives us some of the most breathtaking images of Christ in all of Scripture. And these images aren't just artistic—they're **truths meant to help us endure faithfully**

**Main Points:**

1. **Jesus is the Majestic King (Revelation 1:12-18 – The Ancient of Days)**
  - This image is **glorious, overwhelming, and divine**—not just by what John SAW with his physical eyes, but also by what this language and imagery says in the Old Testament language of Daniel 7 & 10.
  - Not "gentle Jesus, meek and mild" but **the radiant, powerful Son of Man**.
  - **Takeaway:** This picture of Jesus reminds us that we serve a King **bigger than our problems** and **stronger than our fears**.
2. **Jesus is the Worthy Sacrifice (Revelation 5:6-14 – The Lamb Who Was Slain)**
  - **Revelation 4 reveals the breathtaking vision of YHWH God enthroned in heaven, surrounded by worship and glory, as the sovereign Creator of all things.**
  - And when we get to Revelation 5, John expects to see a ferocious Lion, a figure of power and might. But when he looks, he sees something unexpected and shocking:
    - i. *“And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.” (Revelation 5:6, ESV)*
  - In God's reckoning of things there is a paradox of power: the **slain Lamb is on the throne**.
  - **Takeaway:** In God's Kingdom, victory **comes through faithfulness**, not force.
3. **Jesus is the Victorious Warrior (Revelation 19:11-16 – The Rider on the White Horse)**
  - Contrast with worldly power—Jesus **defeats evil not by bloodshed, but by truth**.
  - The sword is in His **mouth**, not in His hand—**the Word is His Name and His weapon**.
  - **Takeaway:** No matter how dark the world seems, **Christ wins**. (Even if not the world's way of winning!)

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**Conclusion:**

**These aren't three different Jesuses—they are one unified, awe-inspiring revelation of the Risen Christ.**

And together, these images reframe everything:

- **He is powerful**, so we don't have to be afraid.
- **He is loving**, so we know we're not alone.
- **He is victorious**, so we can live with hope no matter what we face.

As **N.T. Wright** says, *"Revelation is not about our escape to heaven, but about Jesus' sovereign presence among us and His ultimate victory over all that corrupts God's world."* (*Revelation for Everyone*, p. 7)

So maybe today, the invitation is to ask:

**Have I mistaken who Jesus really is?**

**Have I limited Him to a version that feels safe or familiar—when He's actually far more glorious, far more involved, and far more victorious than I've dared to imagine?**

**Call to Action: See Jesus Again—This Week**

This week, take time to *slow down and sit with the three portraits of Jesus in Revelation*.

Each day, read one of these passages and ask:

"What does this reveal about who Jesus is?"

"How does this change how I pray, how I face difficulty, or how I live today?"

**Go to Revelation 1:9–20** & Reflect on His presence with you and His power over death.

**Go to Revelation 5:1–14** & Reflect on His love, humility, and authority.

**Go to Revelation 19:11–16** & Reflect on His coming justice and victorious reign.

Then ask yourself:

- What part of my life do I need to **surrender** to this Jesus?
- Where have I **settled for a smaller vision** of Christ?
- What would it look like to **endure patiently**, today, knowing that the Lamb is on the throne?

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If you're journaling, write out a short prayer after each reading:

*"Jesus, help me see You as You truly are—and help me follow You with faith and courage."*