

## The Risen Christ and His Church Revelation 1:10-20

**Introduction:** Christ is risen from the grave and ascended into heaven. Before His ascension, He left the church with a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:8-11). While we work here on earth, carrying out His plan, He is working in heaven to insure that we have all we need to serve Him effectively.

Revelation 1 – the prospects for the early church looked bleak. They seemed \_\_\_\_\_ against the Roman government and wondered where was the risen Lord. John saw the resurrected Christ in the midst of His churches. Christ is risen, alive and working in His church.

### **I. He is \_\_\_\_\_ His church 1:13a**

John sees Christ moving through the lampstands.

- He is the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- He is the \_\_\_\_\_ (oil)
- He is the \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The phrase “Son of Man” is a title given to \_\_\_\_\_ in Daniel 7:13-14. He is given authority, glory and sovereign \_\_\_\_\_. He is working in His church to carry out God’s eternal \_\_\_\_\_. He is giving light and life to the church as He lives \_\_\_\_\_ His people.

### **II. He is \_\_\_\_\_ for His church 1:13b; Heb 2:17; 4:15-16**

John sees Christ wearing the robe of the \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 28-29). Christ is the perfect \_\_\_\_\_ who offered Himself as the perfect \_\_\_\_\_. And now He intercedes for us, providing all the mercy and grace His people need to overcome temptation, persevere in trials and overcome the world.

### **III. He is \_\_\_\_\_ His church 1:14-15a; Heb 12:6**

Nothing is hidden from His \_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 4:13).

- He sees every sinful \_\_\_\_\_ and act of \_\_\_\_\_.
- He sees every act of faithful \_\_\_\_\_

### **IV. He is \_\_\_\_\_ to His church 1:15b**

He seeks a people with a \_\_\_\_\_ to know and obey His Word.

### **V. He is Sovereignly \_\_\_\_\_ His church 1:16, 20**

He sovereignly equips His church with \_\_\_\_\_ men (Eph 4:11-13)

### **VI. He is \_\_\_\_\_ His church 1:16; 2:14-16**

Christ is out to protect His church against \_\_\_\_\_ and false \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. He is \_\_\_\_\_ in the World through His church 1:16; 2 Cor 4:6-7; Mat 5:14-16**

**Application:** John’s message should inspire us to know that serving Christ in His church is not in \_\_\_\_\_. What kind of person is Christ using to build His church? People like John...

➤ He sensed God’s \_\_\_\_\_ 1:17-18

What a picture of the ministry of Christ, the sovereign Lord stooping down to touch His people:

- We don’t have to fear in THIS life because He is \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_
- We don’t have to fear death because He \_\_\_\_\_ death.
- We don’t have to fear eternity because He holds the \_\_\_\_\_ of death and hell.

➤ He had a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ 1:19

**Study Questions:**

1. John found great comfort and strength when Jesus showed up on the island of Patmos. Compare Paul’s experience in 2 Timothy 4:14-18. Share a time in your life when Jesus showed up at a time when you were most in need of His comfort and strength.
2. How does the book of Revelation contradict the false teachings of the prosperity gospel?
3. Note how John refers to himself in 1:9. In what way is suffering persecution and hardship a corporate event? How does Christ use the Body to minister in times of trial and temptation?
4. What stands out most to you about the portrait of the risen Christ in verses 13-16. Why?
5. How does the truth of the resurrection motivate us to be faithful to Christ in our devotion and service? Compare 1 Corinthians 15:56-58.

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<b>Week 1 Starting Dec 2</b>	<b>Week 2 Starting Dec 9</b>	<b>Week 3 Starting Dec 16</b>	<b>Week 4 Starting Dec 23</b>	<b>Week 5 Starting Dec 30</b>
Day 1: Mark 2	Day 1: Mark 6	Day 1: Mark 10	Day 1: Mark 14	Day 1: Luke 2
Day 2: Mark 3	Day 2: Mark 7	Day 2: Mark 11	Day 2: Mark 15	Day 2: Luke 3
Day 3: Mark 4	Day 3: Mark 8	Day 3: Mark 12	Day 3: Mark 16	Day 3: Luke 4
Day 4: Mark 5	Day 4: Mark 9	Day 4: Mark 13	Day 4: Luke 1	Day 4: Luke 5
Day 5: John 8:12-30	Day 5: John 8:48-59	Day 5: John 10:1-18	Day 5: John 10:22-39	Day 5: John 11:17-44
<sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, <sup>9</sup> he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, <sup>10</sup> to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <span style="float: right;">Ephesians 1:7-10 (NIV)</span>				