

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

Discipleship For Today, Part 1

Revelation 1
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Today we begin a study of one of the most exciting, encouraging and yet also misunderstood books of the Bible – *Revelation*. We start by remembering that ...

Revelation is an apocalypse, which ...

... means "unveiling"

... speaks through vivid symbolic imagery

***... sets the present in light of the future and
in light of unseen realities of the present***

The author was likely John the apostle ...

... who was in exile because of his faith

I John ... was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus... (vs. 9)

... who knew of the suffering of the church

"... your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom ... that are ours in Jesus ... (vs. 9)

God helps John by giving a revelation of ...

... the glorified Jesus

"... someone 'like a son of man' ... (vs. 13)

... Him in the midst of the churches

"...among the lampstands was someone (vs. 13)

We as God's people are reminded that ...

... Jesus is nearer than we think

"...I turned around to see ..." (vs. 12)

... we don't have to be afraid

"Do not be afraid." (vs. 17)

... Jesus is in control

"I am the First and the Last." (vs. 17)

... the victory has been won

"And I hold the keys of death and Hades (vs. 18)

... because of these, we are to follow Jesus