

The Vision of Jesus

Revelation 1:9-20

Outline of Our Study

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v. 9 *Common Bond*

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Common Bond

Verse 9

“Brother”

... expression in the New Testament for Christians

- *Prayed Together*
- *Loved ...*
- *Supported ...*
- *Cared For ...*
- *Helped ...*

Common Bond

Verse 9

“Fellow partaker - Tribulation”

. . . refers to John’s imprisonment and punishment

- During reign of Roman Emperor Domitian***
- Domitian reigned A.D. 81-96***
- Christians persecuted***

. . . John was banished to the Island of Patmos

Seven Churches of Asia



John on Patmos



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Common Bond

“Kingdom . . . ”

“Fellow partaker . . . In the Kingdom”

. . . refers to existing spiritual kingdom (John 18:36)

- Every believer is a member (Col. 1:13)

The Unexpected Ministry

Verse 10-11

“In The Spirit”

... Reminds us of 2 Peer 1:20-21

“Lord’s Day”

... Common 2nd century expression for Sunday

- Used by secular people*
- Used by Christians*



John Heard A Voice

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The Unexpected Ministry

Verse 10-11

“Write . . . Send it to the 7 churches . . .”



**When John
Turned He
Saw . . .**



A Peek At Jesus

Verse 12

“Seven Golden Lampstands”

. . . symbols explained in verses 19-20

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 13

“Like the Son of Man”

. . . Jesus used it to describe Himself (John 5:26-27)

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Was This For John?

... 2 & 3 John

... 1 John 1:1

... Rev. 1:5

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 13-16

The Vision of Jesus – 8 Descriptions

- 1. Body . . . Long Robe and Golden Girdle*
- 2. Hair . . . white as snow*
- 3. Eyes . . . like a flame of fire*
- 4. Feet . . . like burnished bronze*
- 5. Voice . . . like the sound of many waters*
- 6. Right Hand . . . Holding seven stars*
- 7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword*
- 8. Face . . . like the shining sun*

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 13

1. Long Robe and Golden Girdle

... Garments High Priest wore (Ex. 28:4, 31-43)

... Josephus states,

*- High Priest tied his garments together
with a sash*



**Picture of Jesus as
our High Priest**

Ex. 28:2

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 14

2. Hair . . . white as snow

. . . White or gray hair spoke of wisdom

. . . Leviticus 19:32; Proverbs 16:31 and 20:29

**Picture of Jesus as
Ultimately Wise and Holy**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 14

3. *Eyes . . . flame of fire*

. . . Eyes speak of God's ability to see everywhere

. . . Flame of fire speaks of judgment

. . . Hebrews 4:13; Matthew 10:26; Jeremiah 16:17

**Picture That God Sees
Everything, Including Sin**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 15

4. Feet . . . *burnished bronze*

. . . A king's subjects bowed at his feet

. . . Burnished bronze spoke of judgment

. . . Psalm 8:6; 110:1; Romans 16:20; Rev. 2:18

**Picture of Jesus
As a Righteous Judge**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 15

5. **Voice . . . sound of many waters**

. . . Loud voice often refers to God

. . . Ezekiel 43:2; Matt. 3:17; John 12:28; Heb. 12:26

**Picture That Jesus
Is God**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 16

6. Right Hand . . . held the 7 stars

. . . Right hand is a symbol of authority & control

. . . Exodus 15:6, 12; Psalms 89:13; 98:1

**Picture of Jesus
Being In Absolute Control**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 16

7. Mouth . . . sharp two-edged sword

. . . Broad, large, sword for cutting and piercing

. . . Revelation 2:12, 16

**Picture That Jesus
Protects His Own**

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 16

8. Face . . . shining like the sun

. . . God is light

. . . Matthew 17:1-6; John 9:5; 12:46; 1 John 1:5

*Picture of Jesus
In His Glory and Beauty*

A Peek At Jesus

Verse 17-18

Jesus Is . . .

. . . First and Last

. . . Living One

. . . Controls Death and Hell

- Decisive Victory At The Cross (Heb. 2:14)

- End of the War After His Second Coming (Rev. 20:7-10)

Symbols Explained

Verse 19-20

Seven Stars

... Lead Elders of each of the seven churches

Seven Lampstands

... The seven churches



To The Glory of God