

Alive Forevermore Revelation 1:9-18

INTRODUCTION

On Good Friday and Easter Sunday Jesus takes center stage. Some of it is positive: TV specials focus on the details of His life. Classic biblical epics are aired. Churches experience a spike in attendance. I'm grateful that the Lord of Life receives this spotlight. Yet, some of it is negative: different media outlets focus on questioning the date of the Passover, the veracity of the crucifixion and the credibility of the resurrection. Either way, Jesus takes center stage.

The question is: ***who is this Jesus that everyone talks about?*** Think about all the different "Jesus" there are out there:

- The Jesus of other _____.
- The Jesus of _____.
- The Jesus of our own _____.
- The Jesus of _____.

Our goal this morning is to get a more accurate picture of Jesus. To do this, I take you to the last book in the Bible, the book of Revelation. Please turn in your Bible to **Rev 1:9-18**.

I. He is the _____ God (1:17)

II. He is the _____ Savior (1:18a)

Over the years there have been at least three false claims about the death of Christ:

- Jesus wasn't _____ to die.
- Someone was _____ for Jesus.
- Jesus _____ on the cross.

III. He is the One to Whom we are _____

(1:18b)

Jesus is the One who is the steward of eternity. The fact that He has the keys means that He is the One who has authority. **“Keys”** means authority and power. In Scripture a key is a sign of authority and power. **This means He is the Lord over physical death which terminates life in this world.** By His death for sin and His resurrection, Christ has pulled from Satan’s hands any authority the devil had over death (cf. Heb. 2:14-15). **He is also the Sovereign over life after death.** He has the power over our eternal destiny. He has the authority to unlock death and Hades. **Those terms are essentially synonymous, with death being the condition and Hades the place.**

CONCLUSION

- No need to fear _____
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