

## **Seeing Jesus Afresh**

### **1. Our Vision of Jesus Is Too Small.**

### **2. Jesus Is in Our Midst.**

### **3. Jesus' Right Hand Rests On/Upholds You.**

### **4. Don't Be Afraid, for Jesus Holds the Keys of Death and Hades.**

CONCLUSION: What you believe about God—who he is, what he is like—is one of the most important facts about you. Not just a way of seeing, it's a way of being. Chief reason you are so hopeless, anxious, afraid, etc. is because your view of Jesus is too small. Jesus wants to correct your vision. There is something here for everyone. For the hopeless (no God in the world), he pulls back the curtain. Lifts you out of the water. There is more than meets the eye. For the anxious, I am with you. Don't be afraid. The hands that hold the universe have a grip on you, and hold the keys to death too. For the self-centered, he displaces you. You are given a vision of a great God. He doesn't "fit" into your life—you are meant to fit into his. Not a book on your shelf but the shelf that holds (and makes sense of) all the other books. God is putting these "color-corrective lenses" on your eyes so that you not only see Jesus rightly, but you can live in light of this revelation. May it be so.

## **John 3:1-5, 14:9**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

## **Mark 14:60-65**

<sup>60</sup> And the high priest stood up in the midst and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?” <sup>61</sup> But he remained silent and made no answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said, “I am, and you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.” <sup>63</sup> And the high priest tore his garments and said, “What further witnesses do we need? <sup>64</sup> You have heard his blasphemy. What is your decision?” And they all condemned him as deserving death. <sup>65</sup> And some began to spit on him and to cover his face and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophesy!” And the guards received him with blows.

## **Matthew 28:1-10**

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” <sup>8</sup> So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

# Taking Gathered Worship Home

Seeing things from God's perspective reorients us and has real, practical implications for present-day living. One of the reasons why you and I are hopeless, anxious, afraid... led astray is because our vision of Jesus is too small. Jesus wants to correct our vision.

*Please use the devotional material below each day this week to praise Christ. Ask Jesus to teach us His ways that we may walk in them to accomplish His purposes.*

## Sunday Morning

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; John 3:1-5, 14:9; Mark 14:60-65; Matthew 28:1-10.** DISCUSS How can we see Jesus as He truly is? What difference does our view of Jesus make? Where is *my view* of Jesus distorted according to Scripture? How can we correct our view? PRAY "Lord Jesus, forgive us for mistrusting You. Enable us to see You rightly according to Your Word. Help us to rejoice in Your beauty."

## Sunday Evening

No *Young Adult Bible Study* this evening at 6pm in the church library.

## Monday

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; Titus 2:11-14; 1Peter 1:3-13.** DISCUSS *Seeing Jesus correctly frees us from hopelessness.* How are you prone to hopelessness? How does that reflect your lack of a clear vision of Jesus? From what will you repent today? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 12:1-2.** PRAY "Lord, forgive us for the ways we neglect our duty to renew our minds according to Your truth and live in it."

## Tuesday

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; Philippians 4:4-9; Matthew 6:25-34.** DISCUSS: *Seeing Jesus correctly frees us from anxiety.* How are you prone to anxiety? How does that reflect your lack of a clear vision of Jesus? From what will you repent today? Who do you know who struggles with anxiety? How can you help them see Jesus more clearly? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 12:1-2.** PRAY "Lord, thank You for the comfort You provide us by Your loving rule over all things. Help us to trust Your sovereign care and to not be ruled by worry."

### Wednesday

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; Romans 11:19-24, 12:3-5, 16.** DISCUSS *Seeing Jesus correctly frees us from self-centeredness.* How are you prone to self-centeredness? How does that reflect your lack of a clear vision of Jesus? From what will you repent today? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 12:1-2.** PRAY “Lord, humble us where we need humbling. Lift us up where we are faltering. Reveal Yourself to us in Your Word so we can see You clearly.”

### Thursday

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; Acts 9:27; Hebrews 2:9.** DISCUSS How was Saul transformed through seeing Jesus correctly? What are the primary lies that cloud your vision of Jesus? How will you trust the biblical Jesus today? How can you encourage others by God’s grace to do the same? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 12:1-2.** PRAY “Jesus, transform us. Establish Your Kingdom. Strengthen us to resist lies and to walk in Your truth.”

### Friday

READ **Revelation 1:1-3, 9-20; John 3:1-5, 14:9; Mark 14:60-65; Matthew 28:1-10.** DISCUSS How has God been teaching you from these passages this week? MEDITATE on **Hebrews 12:1-2.** PRAY “Thank You, Lord Christ, for who You truly are. Enflame our hearts to delight in You as You really are.”

### Saturday

PREPARE today for the worship service tomorrow. *Both in-person & live-stream services are available.* READ **Acts 21:1-39.** Invite others to join you tomorrow for the *in-person or live-stream service.* Ask Jesus to build us build us up as His holy body.

## Hebrews 12:1-2

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, *looking to Jesus,* the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”