

Revelation 1:1-20

I Worship Jesus because of His Great Witnesses:

The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, **2** who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. **3** Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

I Worship Jesus because of our standing before God:

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, **5** and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood **6** and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

I Worship Jesus because of his Future Glory:

7 Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. **8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

I worship Jesus because of his Instruction:

9 I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. **10** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet **11** saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

I Worship Jesus because He of his Majesty

12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, **13** and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. **14** The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, **15** his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. **16** In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

I Worship Jesus because he is on our Side:

17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, **18** and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. **19** Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. **20** As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Intro: We were made to Worship: Romans 1:21-23

1. I Worship Jesus because of His Great Witnesses:

- John, the closest friend to Jesus
- If you are going to reveal the end times, you tell it to your closest
- John ended his life, telling the church to love each other
- Eye witness account vs. academia
- We are blessed if we read aloud

2. I Worship Jesus because He is the King of Kings

- The number seven is literal & symbolic
- A welcome from the trinity
- The King of Kings
- I have been freed from sin by his blood
- I am a part of the kingdom and priesthood
- Forevermore, Jesus should be glorified

3. I Worship Jesus because of his Future Glory

- Jesus left in the clouds and will return the same way *Acts 1:7,9)
- His second coming will be visible
- People will come to the truth of his rejection
- Alpha and Omega: Beginning and end

4. I worship Jesus because of his Instruction:

- John exiled for his faith
- His Sunday sermon
- God provides instruction so we know the way

5. I Worship Jesus because of his Majesty

- Son of Man: A very familiar title
- Our final High Priest: Sacrificed one and for all
- Whiteness describes purity and majesty
- His eyes see through you
- Bronze feet: A great foundation

6. I Worship Jesus because he is on my Side

- All mighty Jesus tells me not to be afraid
- Jesus is the conqueror of death
- God protects his church with angels

Additional Scriptures

Zechariah 12:10; Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Isaiah 11:2; Isaiah 53:5