Revelation Revealed 1 – When you see him

**Bumper Video –

Don't be afraid of the book of Revelation.

Revelation 1:3 Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near.(NIV)

It is the Book of Revelation – Not RevelationS...

So what is THE revelation?

Most people miss the Revelation... They spend so much time asking..

When is the rapture/catching way

Who is the False Prophet and the AntiChrist

What is the Mark of the Beast

What are the Seals, The trumpet Blasts, and the Bowls...?

You could understand endtime prophecy and still miss The Revelation. Rev 1:1 The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave...

The Revelation is Jesus Not just endtime prophecy but a picture of Jesus..

This book is not just about things that will take place... It is a Revelation of Jesus.

John the Revelator

Let's spend a moment talking about who receives this prophetic vision...

Revelation 1:9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.(NIV)

St John – Not John the Baptist

- John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord and baptized Jesus... wore Camel skin, ate locust FRUIT
- St John One of the 12 Disciples. Brother of James
- Wrote Gospel of John and 3 Epistles 1,2,3rd John & <u>REVELATION</u>

John is known as the Disciple closest to Jesus... John refers to himself as "The Disciple Jesus Loved"

Although there were 12 disciples, Jesus had an inner circle of 3. Peter, James and John.

Only these 3 were present at the Mount of Transfiguration.

Only these 3 were invited to go deeper with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

John was well acquainted with Jesus.

John 1:1 It is John who tells us that "In the beginning was the Word..."

John 21:25 It is John who tells us that the world cannot contain all the stories of Jesus.

It is John who appears at the crucifixion.

No other disciples where visible at the Crucifixion.

John stood by Mary the mother of Jesus.

John 19:26 When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son,"(NIV)

John 19:27 and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.(NIV)

John 20:4 It is John First to the tomb – Outrunning Peter in John 20

John 21:4&7 It is John who first recognizes Jesus when He first appeared on the seashore. The other disciples saw Jesus and spoke to him but it was John who says "It is the Lord"

It is John who was arrested for preaching the Gospel. He was boiled in Oil as an execution but didn't die. He was then banished to the Prison Island of Patmos. Revelation 1:9

It is on this island that John receives The Revelation.

Revelation 1:13 and among the lampstands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.(NIV) Revelation 1:14 His head and hair were white like wool,

as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.(NIV)

Revelation 1:15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.(NIV)

Revelation 1:16 In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.(NIV)

John was well acquainted with Jesus.

John sees Jesus... But He's seen Jesus before right...?

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.(NIV)

Strange reaction for seeing someone you are well acquainted with.

Not a Ho Hum response...

When He saw Jesus he fell as dead.

A Revelation of Jesus changes everything.

Religion makes 2 big mistakes when it comes to a revelation of Jesus.

- **1.** We give a wrong picture of Jesus
- 2. When offered a glimpse of Jesus we say... "Yeah Yeah we know that already."

Think you know Jesus? Think again! Look again! A Revelation of Jesus changes everything.

I'm Tired of Christians having a Ho Hum response to the revelation of Jesus.

John who was more acquainted with Jesus than anyone fell to the ground as dead.

Everything hinges of seeing Jesus.

1 John 3:2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.(NIV)

Want to make a change in your life? Take a look at Jesus.

Zech 12:10 "They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child..

Revelation 1:7 Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen.(NIV)

Daniel 7:13 "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence.(NIV)

Daniel 7:14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; <u>all peoples, nations and men of every language</u> worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.(NIV) Philippians 2:10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,(NIV)

Philippians 2:11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.(NIV)

When you see Jesus...

Not when you see religion. What others say about Him. Not someone else's picture of Jesus...

The Church in America is on a downward trend. Churches closing and ministers quiting...

Here's the problem... People see us and not Jesus. People don't like Christians but they would love Jesus.

Redemption Church, what happened when you saw Jesus?

Musician-

John saw Jesus and fell as dead, but he didn't stay dead.

Revelation 1:17 When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.(NIV)

Revelation 1:18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.(NIV)

Jesus is available to be seen...

Jesus says awful things about the Church of Laodicea. The strongest rebuke... I will spew you out of my mouth...

But even after that strong rebuke he offers to be seen by Laodicea..

Revelation 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.(NIV)

Do you want a Revelation of Jesus today?