

1. Revelation of heavenly things comes when one is “in Spirit.”
 1. *Scriptures*
 1. *Revelation 4:2*
 2. *Revelation 17:3*
 3. *Revelation 21:10*
 4. *1 Corinthians 2:10, 12*
 5. *Acts 7:55-56*
 6. *John 3:3*
 2. The Holy Spirit’s ministry is to reveal or manifest Jesus Christ in and through the members of His body on our side of the veil.
 3. Therefore, the believer’s relationship with the Holy Spirit is vital to discovering life hidden in Christ. Col. 3:4
 1. Luke 11:13
 2. Eph. 5:18.
 3. 1 Thess. 5:19
 4. Eph. 4:30
 4. In the case of this first revelation of Jesus Christ, we know what day of the week it was on--the Lord’s Day--in modern Greek, this term denotes Sunday, and there’s no reason to doubt what John meant.
2. John’s letter is to the seven churches of Asia, and his point is this: He and the members of those churches are share together the same experiences of tribulation, ruling in Christ, and endurance.

The Appearance of Jesus

1. The appearance of Christ was preceded by a loud voice, like the sound of a trumpet.
 1. The use of the “sound of a trumpet”: Jesus is Almighty God, the victor.
 2. Consider these OT references.
 1. *The trumpet sounded a call to assemble.*
 1. *Exodus 19:16*
 2. *Exodus 19:19*
 3. *Exodus 20:18*
 4. *Jeremiah 4:5*
 2. *The trumpet sounded a call to attack and a proclamation of victory.*
 1. *Joshua 6:5*
 2. *Judges 7:18*
 3. *Nehemiah 4:20*
 3. *The trumpet sounded a call of warning and His coming in judgment.*
 1. *Joel 2:1*
 2. *2 Samuel 6:15*
 3. *Psalms 47:5*
 4. *Matthew 24:31*
 3. To the original readers, this communicates that God is assembling His people to proclaim His victory and dominion in Jesus Christ. It’s a call to worship and celebrate.
2. John turned to “see the voice” - figuratively speaking - to see who was speaking to him.
3. John saw “one like a son of man.”

1. Some versions read “one like *the* Son of Man”—using Jesus’ often used title. However,
2. When he turned he saw someone who looked like a man, a human being.
 1. He had a head, hair, eyes, feet, like other men, yet he was not like any other man.
 2. Let’s remember as we read this description that we are not trying to visualize this man, but grasp what each description denotes about this man.
4. Jesus, the God-man, reveals His power and His nearness.
 1. His robe and sash: **Jesus is the great high priest.** *Exodus 28:4*
 2. His head and hair, white like wool: **Jesus is wise and sinless.**
 1. White may communicate wisdom, calmness, and dignity of the result of experience and age. *Daniel 7:9*
 2. White may refer to holiness and righteousness—thus sinlessness. *Isaiah 1:18*
 3. His eyes were like a flaming fire: **Jesus sees into men’s hearts and resulting deeds.**
 1. In the OT, knowing God sees all, was an encouraging word. It communicates he cares.
 1. *Isaiah 4:5*
 2. *2 Chronicles 16:9*
 3. *Psalms 34:15*
 2. However, since the imagery is that his eyes are as flaming fire, it more than likely communicates that Jesus can see into the recesses of men’s hearts and knows their deeds.
 1. *Proverbs 5:21*
 2. Jesus is going to reveal that He sees their hearts and their deeds.
 4. His feet like burnished bronze: **Jesus has all authority and power.**
 1. In the OT, the feet of God symbolized his authority and power.
 1. *Psalms 99:5*
 2. *Psalms 110:1*
 3. *Psalms 132:7*
 4. *Isaiah 66:1*
 2. In the NT, we see the same message communicated often. Matt. 5:53; Luke 20:43; Acts 7:49; Heb. 1:13; 10:13
 5. His voice like the sound of many waters: **Jesus’ words produce richness and treasure.**
 1. *Isaiah 23:3*
 2. *Jeremiah 51:13*
 3. *Ezekiel 43:2*
 6. In his right hand He held the seven stars: **Jesus powerfully destroys the enemies of the Church.**
 1. *Exodus 15:6*
 2. *Isaiah 41:20*
 3. *Isaiah 62:3*
 7. Out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword: **Jesus words are effective.**
 1. *Psalms 149:6*
 2. *Hebrews 4:12*
 8. His face was like the sun shining in its strength: **Jesus rules forever!**
 1. *Psalms 89:36*

2. *Matthew 17:2*
3. *Revelation 10:1*
4. The encouragement to the church is this: He who has endured tribulation and hostility against himself has been exalted forever, and we who are also suffering for His name sake reign with Him forever!
5. Jesus comforts John and the Churches.
 1. When we realize who Jesus is, we can't help but be aware of our sinfulness, our utter alienation to Jesus. John fell at his feet as dead and obviously afraid. It is not Jesus we have to fear, it is our sin.
 2. John was encouraged by Jesus' response.
 1. His right hand of conquering power over our enemies is extended-Jesus has defeated our enemies. We need not be afraid. "Do not be afraid." Look who has dealt with our sins!
 2. Jesus is the purpose of all history. "I am the first and the last."
 3. Jesus is the Living One....Hades.
 1. He died once and for all to defeat sin and behold,
 2. He lives as a divine declaration that he has authority over death and Hades.
 3. John was commanded to encourage the churches and their pastors with what He sees from God's eternal perspective (was, is, to come).