

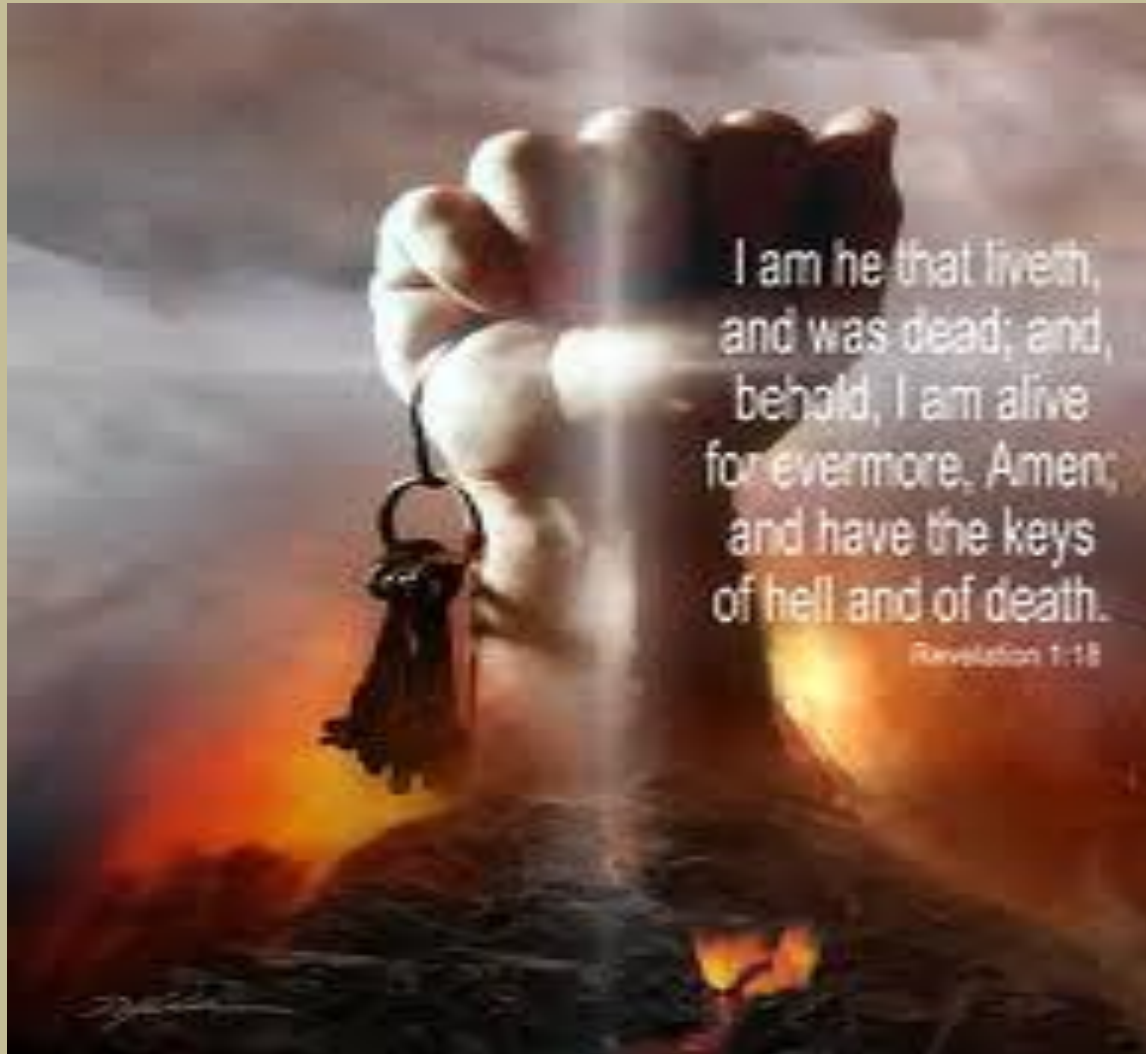


Jesus

Lesson #1, the Confronter

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The Revelation of Jesus Christ Chapter One



I am he that liveth,
and was dead; and,
behold, I am alive
for evermore, Amen;
and have the keys
of hell and of death.

Revelation 1:18




Authority to Confront

- *He is the eternal God - “the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come;” .*
- *He is omnipotent - “the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world.”*
- *He is our Redeemer – “to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us”*




Jesus, the Confronter

- *“When I saw him, I fell at his feet as if I were dead.”*
 - *John remembered the Jesus of the gospels and had even seen the transfiguration, but the risen Christ overwhelmed him.*
 - *His presence is itself convicting – he is not only called the King of kings, but he is and as such commands attention and respect.*
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Jesus, the Confronter

- *As we see throughout The Revelation of Jesus Christ, he is unveiled as never before.*
 - *He is the Lamb who takes possession of the scroll and opens the seals.*
 - *He is the one the hosts of Heaven equate with the One on the throne.*
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Jesus, the Confronter

- *Revelation 19:11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven, dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh* was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.*



Jesus, the Confronter

- *Ephesus (Rev 2:1-9)*
- *Revelation 2:4 Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love. NIV*
- *Remember and repent – remember what it was like to be in love with Jesus and understand you do not have to stay where you are.*





Jesus, the Confronter

- *Pergamos (Rev 2:12-17)*
- *Revelation 2:14-16 Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: You have people there who hold to the teaching of Balaam ... 15 Likewise you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. NIV*
- *Spirituality can not be purchased.*
- *Shame on those who corrupt what they cannot defeat.*



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- *Thyatira (Rev 2:18-29)*
- *Revelation 2:20 I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. NIV*
- *Because she and her message appealed to the flesh she was tolerated – the “pretty” people cannot be given benefits others do not receive.*




Jesus, the Confronter

- *Sardis (Rev 3:1-6)*
- *Revelation 3:1 you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. NIV*
- *If your reputation does not represent who you are, you are perpetrating a fraud --- actor, hypocrite.*





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- *Laodicea (Rev 3:14-22)*
 - *Revelation 3:15 you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! NIV*
 - *Cold water refreshes; hot water soothes; lukewarm is not really good for anything.*
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Jesus, the Confronter

- *In the Gospels we see Jesus confronting people in a variety of ways – depending on who they were and what they needed.*
- *John 8:10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" 11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more."*





Jesus, the Confronter

- *To the rich young ruler - Matthew 19:21 Jesus answered, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." NIV*
- *To the Pharisees - Matthew 23:13 "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men's faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to. NIV*





Jesus, the Confronter

- *To the gentile woman with a sick child - Matthew 15:28 Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. NIV*
- *To an embarrassed and defeated Peter - John 21:16 Jesus repeated the question: "Simon son of John, do you love me?"*






Jesus, the Confronter

- *It takes courage to confront someone.*
- *It also takes love to do it right.*
- *Galatians 6:1 Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself.*





Jesus, the Confronter

- *He confronts us for our good and His glory.*
 - *Hebrews 12:5 And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, "My child, don't make light of the Lord 's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. 6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child."*
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Questions

