

**Study Questions for the May 22, 2022 Sermon:
“What Does Jesus Look Like?”
Revelation 1:9-20**

1. Isaiah 11:3-5 describes a perfect judge. Can you relate this description to the activities of Jesus:
 - a. In the gospels?
 - b. In Revelation? (anywhere in the book, not just Chapter 1)
2. The end of Isaiah 10 and the beginning of Isaiah 11 describe the nation of Israel as a bunch of chopped-down trees, one with a branch growing out of it. It is an image of desolation. Most scholars believe this is a prophesy of the Messiah coming from the family line of Jessie (David's father.)
 - a. Why might God have inspired Isaiah to ground this prophesy in in the era of Jessie instead of the glorious reign of David?
 - b. In the Bible, have you ever seen something glorious emerge from a humble beginning?
 - c. In your life, have you ever seen something glorious emerge from a humble beginning?
3. John wrote the book of Revelation from Patmos, a Roman prison island. Most of the prisoners were put to work mining marble. According to Victorinus, an ancient historian, John was forced to labor in those mines. A number of the books of the New Testament were written from a prison. Is there any lesson we can take from this?
4. Verse 10 says John was worshiping when the vision came to him. Is there any lesson we can take from this?

5. In verses 12-20, John combines imagery from Daniel 7:9 & 13, which describes the Ancient of Days, with a description of someone who died and came back to life. What might we conclude about the nature of the person John is describing?
6. In verse 19, the seven churches are symbolized as seven lampstands. Why is a “lampstand” a good symbol for a church?
7. Discuss the symbolism of:
 - a. Clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band
 - b. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow
 - c. His eyes like a flame of fire
 - d. His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace
 - e. His voice as the sound of many waters
 - f. He had in His right hand seven stars
 - g. Out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword
 - h. His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength