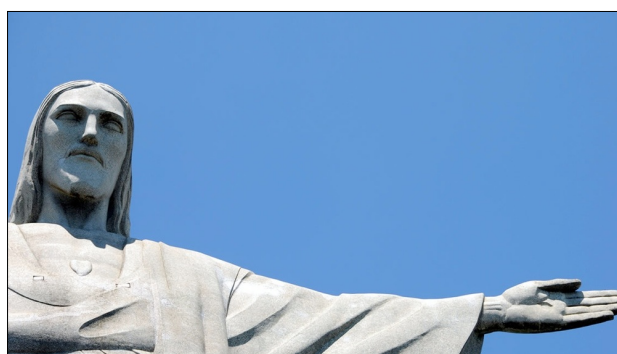


RESOURCES

robindugall.com
edwardseely.com
<https://foundbytes.com/>
 Immanuel Library
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Revelation

- Because God is the Creator and we are the created, the only things we can know about God is what God has chosen to self-reveal.
- God chooses to be known through self-disclosure in nature and human history (natural revelation) and ultimately (and finally) in Jesus!
- God's self-disclosure reaches it climax and fulfillment in the history of Jesus Christ.

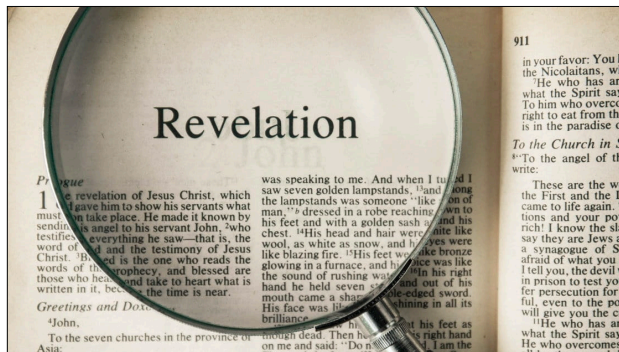
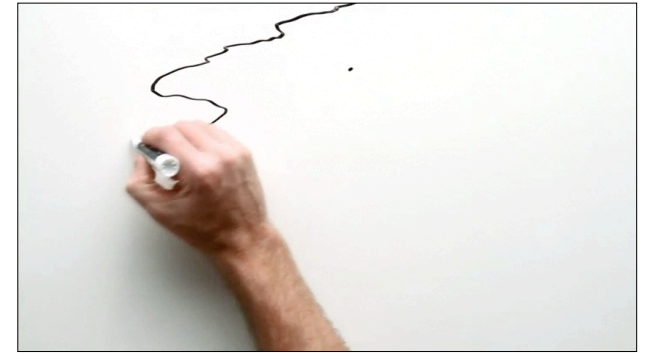
Psalm 19:1 The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
 John 14:9 [Jesus said] Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

Revelation

- Knowing God does not simply mean “information about God” but a life-giving and salvation-bringing self-disclosure of God in Christ.
 - Knowing about someone (cerebral knowledge)
 - Knowing someone (personal relationship)
 - Intimate knowing (God “in” us)

Revelation

- Revelation of God does not remove the mystery of God.
- There is always more to God than we can come to know.
- Any god we can define fully ceases to be God
- This fosters a sense of humility and dependence in a Jesus follower’s life



The Revelation OF Jesus Christ/Messiah
WHO is going to be revealed

and/or

The Revelation FROM Jesus Christ/Messiah
WHAT is going to be revealed

Revelation isn't just about a
WHAT
It is about a WHO!

Jesus is the Gospel
The Gospel is not a WHAT
but a WHO!

1. What are we reading?
Who is it addressed
to? Why? Urgency -
vs. 1-3
2. Centrality of Jesus in
all of life - vs. 4-8
3. The resurrected Jesus
revealed - vs. 9-20



Do you have a sense of URGENCY in
the mission that we share with Jesus?

What does it mean to be
“blessed?”

Asher - Hebrew (“orientation, demeanor”)
Makarios - Greek (“blessed”)
“Beatus” - Latin (where we get “beatitudes”)

“I will be blessed if I do X”
(formula)

“God, I will do X and you will
bless me” (bargain)

In other words, blessedness
already exists because
YOU are resting in God

“I am blessed because
(I have)...”
(conditional or material)

Jesus says, “you are blessed
because God...period”

We expect, “blessed are you
when you HAVE...”

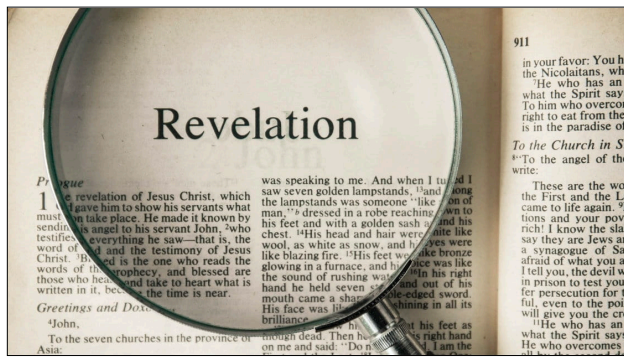
But Jesus says, “blessed
ARE you...”

Pursuit of Happiness -
EXHAUSTS

Embrace of Blessedness -
EMPOWERS

Poor in spirit
Mourn
Gentle
Hunger/Thirst
for
Righteousness
Merciful
Pure in Heart
Peacemakers
Persecuted





Why is it important to have
Jesus as **CENTRAL** in
your life?

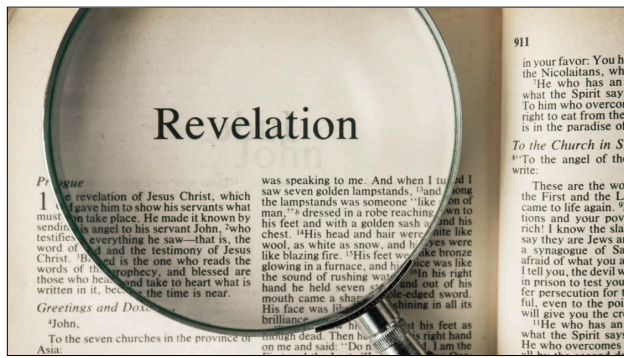
We need Jesus...

Savior!
Lord!

Both/And
NOT Either/Or



How would you describe
Jesus as you know Him?
Is John concerned with
how Jesus looked?



“Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained by living a godly life.”
- Proverbs 16:31

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