

**Sunday, 24 February 2008**

**[Revelations 1:4-8](#)**

**Rev 1:4-8** From John to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace be yours from God, who is, who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits in front of his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first to be raised from death and who is also the ruler of the kings of the world. He loves us, and by his sacrificial death he has freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom of priests to serve his God and Father. To Jesus Christ be the glory and power forever and ever! Amen. Look, He is coming on the clouds! Everyone will see Him, including those who pierced Him. All peoples on earth will mourn over him. So shall it be! "I am the first and the last," says the Lord God Almighty, who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Who is this Jesus?**

What a vision to see! How amazing this vision of the trinity must have been, and what a powerful testimony of who Jesus truly is. Jesus is called the faithful witness. The first to be raised from death that spelled the end for all sinners. The one who concord the eternal condemnation brought by sin, and is now our counsellor, and ruler of the kings of the world. Jesus is hailed the one who freed us for sin, and the One who made us a nation of priests and kings, in service of the Father. Truly, to God be the Glory and power, forever and ever!

In these few verses, we see a reflection of the greatness and magnificence of Christ. We see the purpose of Jesus coming to earth, and dying for our sins, and the sovereignty as God and King. This is the Lord I serve, and the Lord I have to praise and give thanks to, for He saved me. But, are we doing it with the needed respect, or do we often forget who our Lord and God is? Are we so often also guilty of being the ones to turn our backs on Him, when our testimony is needed? Are we often the ones who will criticize others, and hurt fellow Christians? Are we often the ones that are nailing Christ to the cross in the way we treat others? Are we faithful servants, looking forward to Christ's return on the clouds on the day of Glory, or will we be shocked to see Him return?

Yes, all will see Him return! Even those who pierced Him. All peoples on earth will mourn over Him. Why? Is it maybe because we will see the part we have played in His suffering? Will it be because on His return, we will be the ones caught red-handed standing with the hammer in our hands, the hammer used to drive in the nails that caused His death, and suffering? Be it by our acts of hate, betrayal, selfishness or lack of love for all, or maybe in not testifying to those who so much needed to know Jesus, but we acted like a Peter. Will the cock be crowing for us when Jesus returns?

God will be returning for us all. Maybe we will still be around to experience the second coming, without Jesus coming for us sooner by death. But the fact remains that He is coming for you and me. Are you ready, and will you be looking forward to that day? Or are you going to be caught with the spear in your hand, a spear that pierced Him, whilst He was saving you?

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