

Many of us are familiar with Jesus, the friend of sinners. This is the same Jesus who appears in the book of Revelation, but in Revelation we see a much different side of him: a Glorified Jesus sitting on the throne. Consider the devotional this week as a step toward knowing Jesus more holistically.

*New to daily devotionals? Here are a few tips for this week:*

- Remember that we are humans trying to understand God-breathed Scripture—don't get hung up on what you don't understand but rather, seek the Lord and ask Him for guidance. What might He want to reveal to you?
- God is equally powerful and patient—sit with Him attentively as you explore pieces of God that you may not have known before.
- You don't need to have a big revelation every day—take one thought and remind yourself of it throughout the day.

## Monday, October 15th

Consider John's description of Jesus from Revelation 1:12-18 again.

*<sup>12</sup> I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup> and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, I dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup> The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. <sup>15</sup> His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. <sup>16</sup> In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. <sup>18</sup> I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.*

What about this image of Jesus is different from what you have imagined?  
What parts make you uncomfortable or unsure?

The Revelation of this book is Jesus—what might it cost you to reorient your life with this Jesus in mind? What might you gain?

## Tuesday, October 16th

Read Isaiah 40:21-26

*Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded? <sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.  
<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing. <sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.  
<sup>25</sup> "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One. <sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.*

In verse 22, people are described as grasshoppers compared to the Lord. What dissonance do you encounter in that statement? What comfort?

Verses 25-26 call for our response to the Creator to be awe. What cultivates your awe of the Lord? When do you lack awe? What consequences do you face when you lack awe?

## Wednesday, October 17th

Read Psalm 33.

What hope or comfort do you find in this psalm?

Where do you see the Lord's power, might and judgment in this psalm?

How might you find comfort in the Lord's power, might and judgment?

Close in prayer, asking that the words of Psalm 33:8-9 would be rooted in you:

*Let all the earth fear the LORD;  
let all the people of the world revere him.  
<sup>9</sup> For he spoke, and it came to be;  
he commanded, and it stood firm.*

## Thursday, October 18th

Read 1 Corinthians 8:2 & 6

*<sup>2</sup>Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. <sup>3</sup>But whoever loves God is known by God...<sup>6</sup>yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.*

Considering the revelation of Jesus, what have you found yourself “thinking” you know? How might God be inviting you to know Jesus more deeply? How have you felt more known by God in this process?

What has it been like to unify what you already know about Jesus with this revelation of Jesus? How is your understanding of Jesus becoming more holistic, even if it isn't completely clear? Is there an invitation God might be extending to you?

## Friday, October 19th

The Jesus we see in Revelation proclaims to those who know Him, “Fear not.” Close your week in Psalm 25, as it reflects this same truth: throughout all of the ages, there has been no fear for those who trust in Him.

Consider more deeply, verses 1-5.

*In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.*

*<sup>2</sup>I trust in you;*

*do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*<sup>3</sup>No one who hopes in you*

*will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.*

*<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.*

*<sup>5</sup>Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.*



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