

### 1) Introduction

- When we worship – *God response to us with His Love, Joy, Peace – talks to us – Direction*
- We need to “Wake up” Ps 57:7-11
- Worship is Seen – Worship is demonstrated
- Wise Men & Shepherds – *Wise People – Worship*
- The wise men “*Triple Worshipped*” Matt 2:11
- **Worship can be Seen**

### 2) What do you see?

- Football fans typically ‘*worship*’ – they are ‘*followers*’
- A Camera creates an image
  - A camera has a shutter – it lets light in
  - The longer the shutter speed (open) the better the image developed
  - Our EYES let light in, to our retina
  - The more we look at something, the better the image we developed
- Jesus is the Light of the World Jhn 8:12
  - When we look at Him, an image is formed on the inside Gal 4:19, 2 Cor 3:18
  - The longer you look at Him – the more detailed the image will be on the inside

#### You need to SEE – in order to WORSHIP

- Jewish people worshiped Jesus after they saw Him Jhn 12:12-18
- The Greeks had not **seen** Jesus, but they wanted to **worship** Jhn 12:20-21
- Philip spoke to the eunuch and showed him Jesus Acts 8:26-40

#### When we see Jesus – we worship who He is

### 3) John Sees a vision of Jesus – The Book of Revelations

- Apostle John – Jesus’ best friend
- John hears the ‘**voice**’ of Jesus behind him, swing round expecting to see the ‘*old Jesus*’?
- But when John sees Jesus – He worships Rev 1:2 & 17

#### WHAT DID JOHN SEE? - Picture

#### Lampstands

Rev 1:12-13

- Jesus is walking in the mists of *Seven Lampstands* = The Local churches Rev 1:20
- Churches are: *Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, and Laodicea*
- Lampstands were made from – **Fine Gold** – purest form – most expensive
- Jesus calls His church precious (Refining - very costly method of purification)
- Jesus walk in the mist of them – He identifies with them, even if they are not perfect

## Like the Son of Man

- Son-of-man: “in human form”, a man, human – not the Title (no defined article before)
- Not the title of Jesus: **Son-of-Man**, but rather referring to Jesus’ humanity

### a) High Priest

Rev 1:13

#### Garment to the foot

- The reference ***Garment to the foot***; was the dress code for the **High Priest** Ex 28
- Important duty of the High Priest was to conduct the service on the Day of Atonement.
  - Sacrifice a spotless lamb on the Brazen Alter and capture the blood
  - He would wash at the Bronze Laver and anointing himself with oil
  - Only he was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place behind the veil to stand before God.
  - ***With a sacrifice for himself and for the people, he then brought the blood into the Holy of Holies and sprinkled it on the Mercy Seat, God’s “throne”***
  - He did this to make atonement for himself and the people for all their sins committed during the year. Lev 16:14-15, Ex 30:10
- The very first thing that John sees and is reminded of: is that Jesus is our **High Priest**
- **After we see Jesus as our High Priest; we worship Him for:**
  - His sacrifice / forgiving us; Made a way for us to be in relationship with – our Father
  - He continually remains as High Priest and intercedes for you and me
  - When I mess up: He is there. Not to judge me, but to forgive me
  - He takes away my Shame, my Guilt, my chains are gone – Set Free

### b) King of Kings

#### Golden band around the chest

Rev 1:13

- The gold belt / band was not a belt around the waist – but **around the chest**.
- Only a King would wear a solid gold band around His chest.
- This golden band would show off his flowing robes as he walked, and symbolised:
- **Power, Majesty, Dignity & Authority** - No higher status symbol
- **After we see Jesus as King of Kings; we worship Him as:**
  - We bow down before Him as we look on His Majesty
  - We acknowledge Him as Lord of our lives
  - There is no higher power or authority than Jesus
  - The King is bigger than our problems – King of ALL kings
  - He is King & Lord of our lives – recommit to Him
  - He is Lord & King of the church >> He is in charge
  - We are a part of something bigger
  - He is “**El Elyon**” The Most High God
  - We celebrate Him as the soon Returning: King of Kings