

The “I am” from beyond the grave.



I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One;
I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!



Acts 9:1-6 Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.

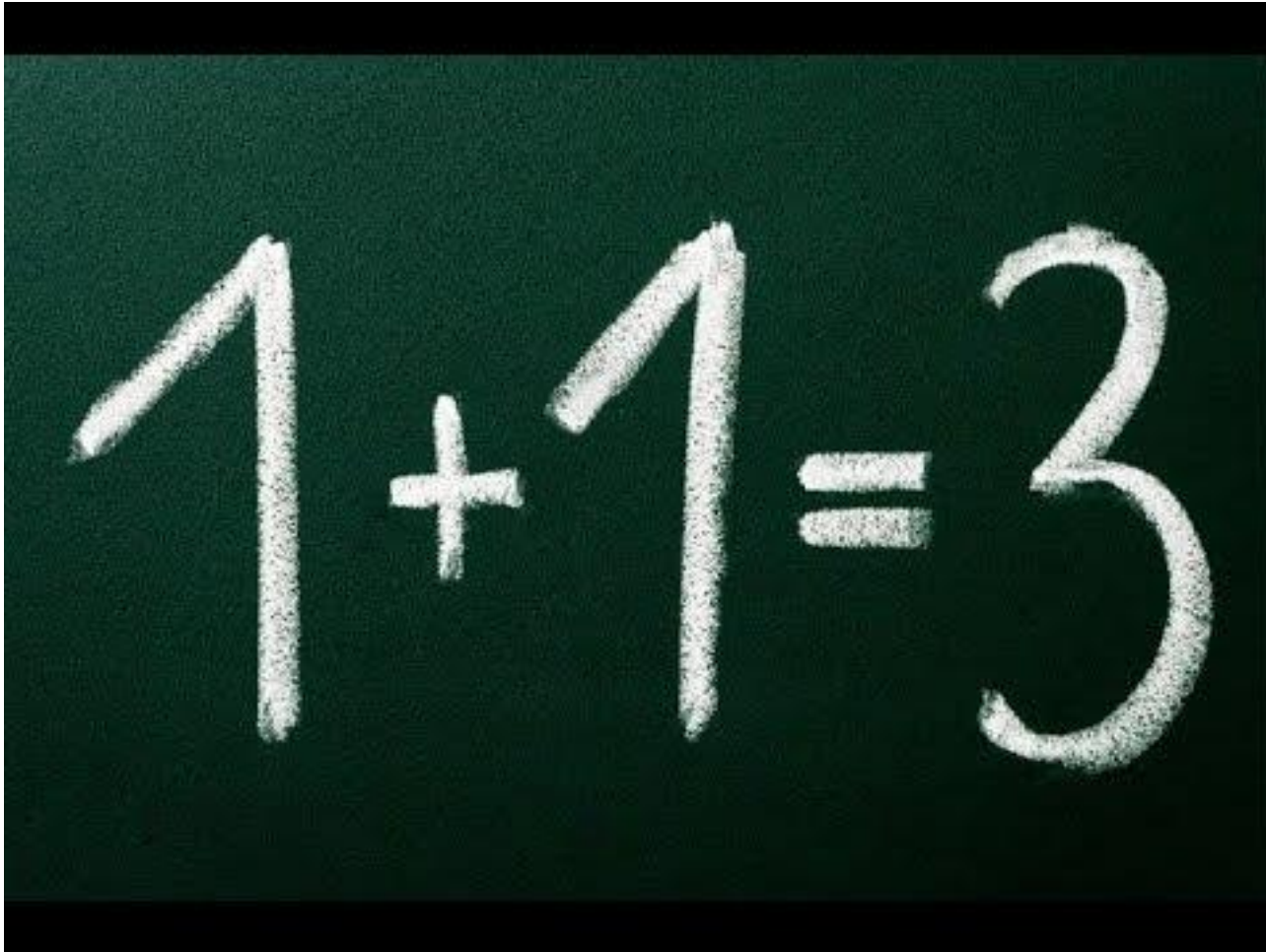
He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied.

"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

What did he discover about Jesus?



Saul was sincerely wrong!



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Jesus' resurrection was true



Jesus of Nazareth was more than a man



**Jesus' identification with his people was
very personal**

Paul often speaks of our being "in Christ"



When you touch them, you touch me !

Jesus was willing to forgive him all the terrible things he'd done and was going to employ him in His Kingdom work

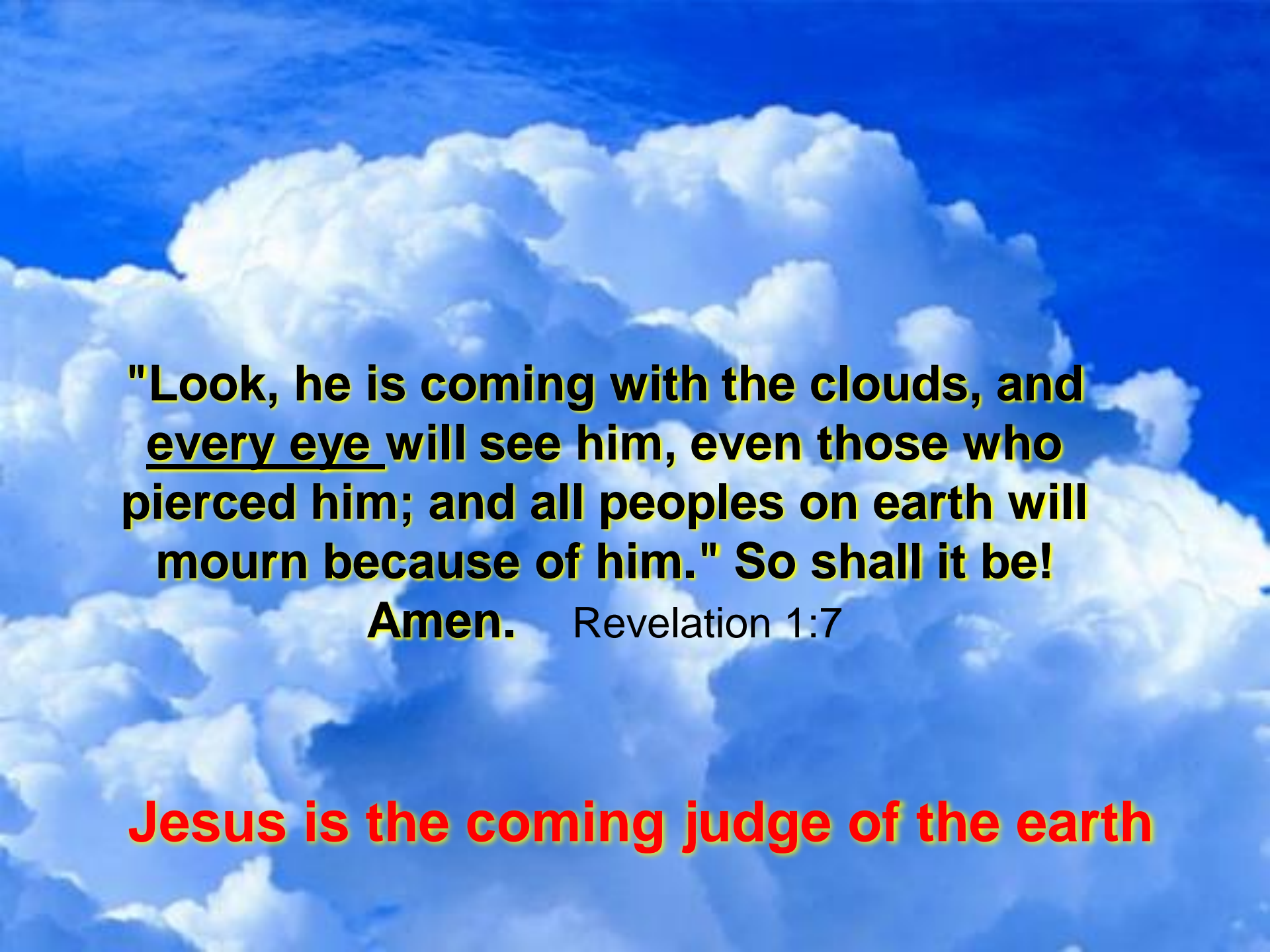


**Another
Post-ascension
appearance
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John was a prisoner on the island of Patmos in Greece.
He wrote the Revelation of Jesus Christ.
What did he learn about Jesus?




A deeper experience of what he had already been shown!



"Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all peoples on earth will mourn because of him." So shall it be!

Amen. Revelation 1:7

Jesus is the coming judge of the earth



"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:7

God is eternally self-existent, he is over all and the source of all, has all power, and is the ultimate authority!

The glory of the risen Messiah



Rev. 1:13-18 and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. 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. 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. 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.

Revelation 22:13
I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the First and the Last,
the Beginning and the End.

**“Beginning and End”
not for him – but for us**



"Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One;
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**Jesus is alive,
and**



of life

And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

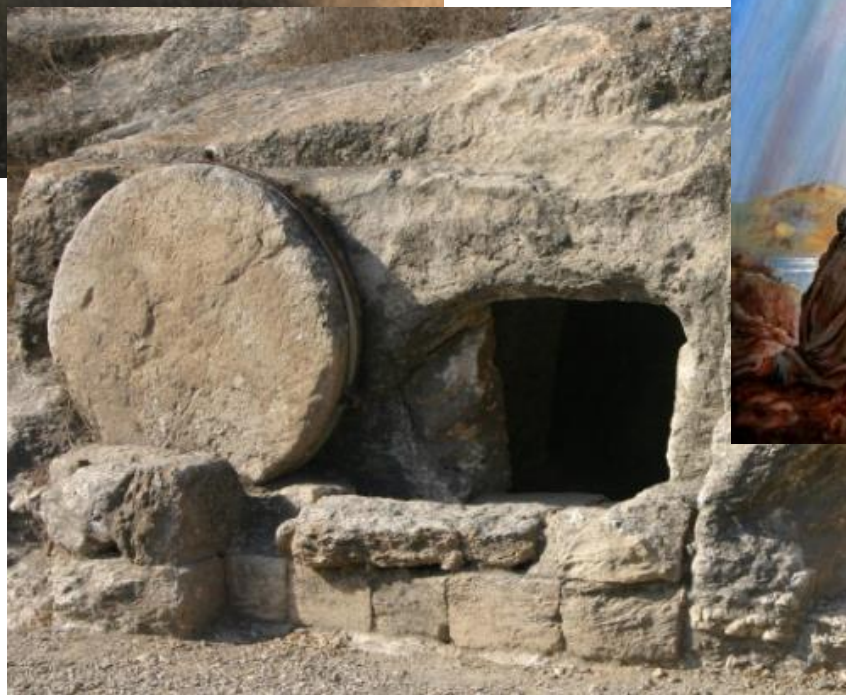
**He is Lord
(not Caesar or anybody else!)**



He has conquered death and is in control.

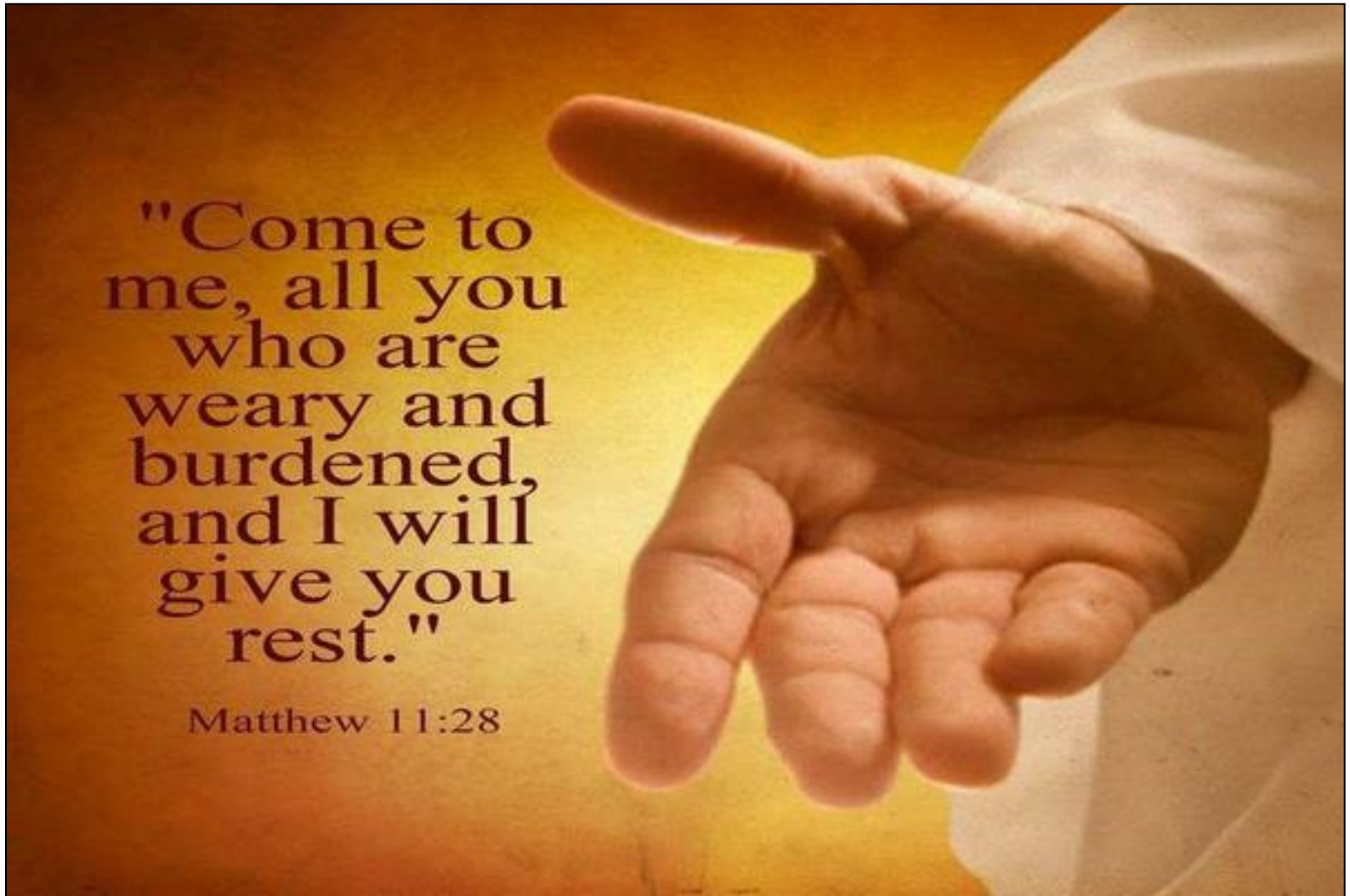
Putting Jesus in His place and us in ours

Philippians 2:5-11



**“have the
same
mindset as
Christ
Jesus”**

Back to the beginning –



"Come to
me, all you
who are
weary and
burdened,
and I will
give you
rest."

Matthew 11:28

Matthew 11 : 29

The Last “I am” (in English)— Revelation 22: 20

