Seeing Jesus

Ken Chapman · 1 John 1:1–2:2

INTRODUCTION

- Not just knowing a little bit of surface information about who Jesus is, not just having some level of faith or belief in the person of Jesus, but truly seeing Jesus.
- John, one of the eyewitnesses of Jesus wants us to truly see Jesus.
- I saw him. I heard him. I touched the nail-scarred hand. But he says, I want you to have the same fellowship that I have.

1 Jesus Is the Word of Life

1 John 1:1–3; John 5:24–29; 1 John 3:14–15

- The word simply conveys the idea, he is God's communication. He is God's means of communicating life to us.
- Eternal life, when used in the scriptures, eternal life is also talking about not just the quantitative existence, but it's talking about the quality of life.
- He who hears my word and believes in him who sent me has everlasting life and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.
- We've already passed from death to life because we love the brethren.
- Living eternal life means that we live in the character of God, not just the glory and the brilliance and the joy of God, but also in the character of God.

2 Jesus Is Our Advocate

1 John 2:1; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24

- But if anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- It literally means one who stands beside you.
- Though he has sinned, I've paid the price. And those sins have been blotted away.
- Therefore, he is able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.
- There's nothing more heartening on a spiritual level to know that when Satan is pointing his finger at me, that I have the very Son of God who's gone into heaven to plead with the Father on my behalf.

3 Jesus Is the Propitiation for Our Sins

1 John 2:1–2

- And he himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the whole world.
- That he gives us life by advocating, pleading on the Father on our behalf, by being our propitiation.
- The word itself can really just mean the idea of satisfaction, of satisfying a need or a requirement, or an appeasement of the wrath.

- Jesus is our mercy seat. He is the place where our mercy resides.
- He's returned to heaven into the most holy place, not with the blood of bulls and goats, but with his own blood to satisfy the righteous requirement of our Father, so that we might have mercy.

THE CHALLENGE

Do you see Jesus this morning?

MY NOTES