

Introduction:

You never know how a baby will turn out. This one turned out to be the Savior of the world! But not everyone knows that or understands it or believes it. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, let's remind ourselves once again who Jesus really is. In Rev. 1:5 we see a threefold picture of Him.

Each description of Him answers a _____ people would like to ask about Jesus Christ.

I. Question # 1: Can I Trust Him?

A. In a world of religious charlatans, this is where we must begin. We discover the answer in John's first title. He calls Jesus "*the faithful witness*." A witness tells what he has seen or heard. A faithful witness is one whose testimony is reliable every time. 1 Tim. 6:13

B. Jesus Christ is the supreme truth-teller, and those who want to find the truth, must listen to Him. Each person must decide on this issue for themselves. *How have you decided?* Can you trust Him? Yes you can, for He is the faithful witness!

And now He has called us to be faithful witnesses also.

II. Question # 2: Does He Have The Power To Help Me?

A. The answer is found in John's second title for Jesus Christ. He calls him "*the firstborn from the dead*." This refers to his resurrection from the dead. Not only does He have _____ place over all others but it also means He is the first person who ever rose from the dead never to die again. When He left the grave, He left for good.

B. There is great comfort in this. 1 Thess. 4:14 He said He would die and then rise again and if He can do that, revealing that He is stronger than Satan, than death and the grave, He can do anything.

III. Question # 3: Will He Take Care Of My Future?

A. "Suppose I do trust Him, and suppose He does have the power to help me, will Jesus take care of my future?" The answer comes in John's final title for Jesus Christ. He calls Jesus "*the ruler of the kings on earth*." The word for "ruler" means he is the ultimate authority over all the kings of the earth. They are great, but he is greater. Millions answer to these kings, but they all answer to Jesus!

B. Jesus is ruler over them all! It's true this world is in a mess. That's why it's hard to believe this is true. All the evidence seems to move in the opposite direction. When you look around, you could make a good case that it looks like Satan is the ruler of the kings of the earth. But it only seems that way. We learned from the book of Job that Satan has no power except that granted to him by God. In due time and at the proper moment, Jesus will step back on the stage of world history. Think of it, the hands that were nailed to the _____ will someday rule the world.

Will Jesus take care of my future? Yes He will, for He is the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Conclusion:

But all that wasn't evident on that first night in Bethlehem. The prospects for the young child didn't seem very promising; poor parents, born in a manger, lying in a feeding trough. Didn't look good. But you can never tell how a baby will turn out. And this one would surprise us all. And we are still surprised by Him 2000 years later.

So, what is the application? Hold fast to Jesus Christ. There is no real security anywhere else. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, He is the answer to the deepest questions of life. We all need Him and we need Him more than we realize.

So we sing: *Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King.*