



**Questions:
The Lord - Do You Recognize Him?
Revelation 1:9-20**

Question: Would we recognize Jesus?

I. The Author: John, Our Brother in Suffering (9)

II. The Voice: The Command to Write (10-11)

III. The Vision: Jesus, the Glorious and Great Son of Man (12-16)

IV. The Responses: Of John to the Sight & Of Jesus to John (17-20)

Point to Ponder: There is an oft quoted scene from Lewis's Chronicles of Narnia where Susan asks a question of Mr. Beaver concerning Aslan (the Christ figure): "Is he safe?" The response is: "*Safe?*" *Said Mr. Beaver; 'don't you hear what Mrs. Beaver tells you? Who said anything about safe? Course he isn't safe. But he is good. He's the King, I tell you.'*" Ask yourself: do you know Jesus to be like this, like one before whom you would fall down in awe if you saw Him; and yet in the next moment bury your face in His mane? Or is He, to you, merely a kind and gentle historic figure of long ago that produces only yawns from your life?

Disclaimer: Too often studies of Revelation among believers become mired in simply defending our own interpretive framework. We use words like "preterist, futurist, historicist, and idealist." We pile on prefaces (pre, post, and a) to define our view on the millennium. I have my own view on these subjects, yet I will strive to preach this series from the book of Revelation with no agenda to convince you of my view. While the careful listener may be able to guess my viewpoint, my hope in this study is to proclaim truths that all who love the scriptures can affirm.