

A Vision of the Risen Lord: Revelation 1:12-18, He is the First and the Last (Divine) was dead but is alive forever (Human)

Description or Symbol	What does it symbolize?	What does this mean to us today as Christians?
Like a Son of Man - Dan. 7:13, 14; Ezek. 1:26	Messiah and heavenly Savior. Not merely a man but both God and man. Heavenly authority.	Jesus is Lord, Messiah and Savior- Mat 28:18. In Christ we can do great things Jn 14:12. <u>Jesus is both Lord and Messiah and if He is for us then who can stand against us?</u>
Long robe reaching to His feet - Exo. 28:4; 29:5; Rev. 15:6	High Priesthood, Prophet one with great rank and status as a King or Ruler.	Jesus is our High Priest, our King and Ruler, who brings us into the very presence of the Father Heb 4:16; 1 Pet 2:5, 9; Rev 1:6 Jesus has made us into priests 1 Pet 2:9 <u>Jesus can bring us into the very presence of God.</u>
Golden sash (belt) around His chest - Dan. 10:5; Eph 6:14; Rev. 15:6	Not around His waist but around His chest – His work is completed. Also, royalty and dignity.	Jesus is Lord and has finished the work of redemption Heb 1:3; 10:12; We have been given a ministry of reconciliation 2 Cor 5:11; 17-20 <u>Jesus has finished the work of our redemption.</u>
Hair white as wool or snow - Lev. 19:32; Prov. 16:31; Isa. 1:18; Dan. 7:9; Isaiah 1:18	Jesus is holy, eternal and He has all wisdom.	Jesus deserves honor and dignity. Rev 5:12, and He has all the wisdom that we need 1 Cor 1:30-31; James 1:5 <u>Jesus has all wisdom –He knows what is best for us so we can trust Him to guide us in the right path.</u>
Eyes like blazing fire - Dan. 10:6; Heb. 4:12-13; 13:5, 8; Rev. 2:18; 19:12	He knows all and can penetrate to the hidden depths of the heart. He will expose and judge evil and purify His followers.	He knows all about us and will cleanse us if we let Him 1 John 1:9. He knows what is best and calls us to expose evil. John 15:15; 1 Cor 2:16; Eph 5:11-18. <u>Jesus knows all about us and He can purify us from our sin if we will let Him.</u>
Feet like bronze glowing in a furnace - Ezek. 1:7; Dan. 10:6; Mal. 4:3; Rev. 2:18	Glory, strength, purity and stability are depicted here.	Jesus does not change, He is trustworthy and will give us stability even in adverse circumstances. Heb 13:5, 8. God will use us to bring judgment. Rom 16:20; 2 Cor 4:7-10; Eph 6:15. <u>Jesus does not change, He is trustworthy and will give us stability in our lives even in difficult and trying times.</u>
Voice like the sound of rushing waters - Ezek. 43:2; Dan. 10:6; Rev. 14:2; 19:6	His voice has awe-inspiring power and majesty. What He says He WILL do and His word WILL come to pass.	Jesus is trustworthy, His word is sure. Isa 55:11; Heb 4:12; 13:5,8; We must testify about Jesus 1 Pet 3:15. <u>His word is sure, we can place our complete trust in His promises – what he says He WILL do!</u>
Holding 7 stars in His right hand - Jn. 10:28; Rev. 1:20; 2:1; 3:1	He holds His church in His hand. He lovingly cares for His own.	Jesus cares for us and holds us. John 10:28-29; Rom 8:31-39 We are to care for each other Heb 10:24-25. <u>Jesus cares for, protects and defends us.</u>
A sharp double-edged sword coming out of His mouth - Isa. 49:2; 55:11; Eph. 6:17; 2 Thes. 2:8; Heb. 4:12; Rev. 2:12,16; 19:15	His word is powerful and majestic and will accomplish its purpose. He will judge and remove evil.	His word will come to pass and prevail, evil will be judged and removed. Isa 55:11; Heb 4:12. We have been given God's Word to use as our sword Eph 6:10-18. <u>God's Word will always accomplish its purpose and God's Word is our weapon against the evil that seeks to attack and defeat us.</u>
His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance - Mat. 17:2; Rev. 10:1	He is the very glory of God as well as the purity of God. To see Him is to see the Father Jn 14:9. He will expose and dispel the darkness.	Jesus will use us to expose and dispel darkness Eph. 5:11. Jesus is worthy of our worship Heb 12:28-29; Rev 5:12 As we worship Him we are transformed into His image 2 Cor 3:1.8 <u>The Risen Lord is glorious and He deserves our heartfelt gratitude and our reverent worship.</u> Rev 1:17

John reacted by falling at His feet as though dead, we need to come to the Lord in humble reverence and awe, Heb. 12:28-29