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Sometimes to listen well we need to look closely.

We need to see the real Jesus.

1. We never see Jesus without seeing his church. (Revelation 1:12-13, 20)

- At the manger...
- At the temple...
- By the sea...
- With the crowds...
- On the cross...
- With Saul...
- With John...

2. We always see Jesus as both man and God. (Revelation 1:13-15, 18)

- John saw a brown Jesus.
- John saw an old Jesus.
- John saw Jesus in his power.
- John saw all of our Jesus.

**3. We see Jesus' glory clearest when the church is at its best.
(Revelation 1:19-20)**

Angelos = a messenger sent by God, either a heavenly being or a human being

- Every church is meant to be a light bearer.
- Every church is meant to spread God's glory.
- Every church needs guidance and correction.
- Every church needs spiritual leadership who receives guidance and correction.

Takeaway #1: If you see a Jesus without the Church, do not listen to him.

Takeaway #2: Make the church as important to you as it is to Jesus.

Takeaway #3: Listen to the Jesus you find in the Word, not the world.