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I SAW JESUS

I saw JESUS. His eyes were a deep blue color and His beard and hair were medium brown with a tinge of red. He was seated on a massive solid gold throne.

I WAS WRITING A BOOK

The year was 1967. I was writing my first book, REVELATION MAKES SENSE. It was about 2:00 AM in the morning and I had been writing since about 7:00 AM the previous morning. To say the least, I was quite tired. And, I was hungry because I was too busy to have eaten any meals that day. I had been writing for about six weeks straight with no let up except for a little sleep, and an occasional sandwich and V8 juice served at my desk. Everyone in my family knew that something very special was going on. I was documenting all of the notes on the book of Revelation that I had collected while teaching about that subject over the previous six years.

THERE HE WAS

I turned my head to the right and looked down at the big Strong's Concordance in order to copy just one more Bible reference. The book page became blurry, so I prayed and asked God to give me enough strength to finish the passage that I was working on. I blinked my eyes to try to clear my eyesight, but when I looked back at the page - there He was.

HIS BEARD

His brown beard was clipped and trim. It was about 1 inch long at his chin and it tapered smoothly to about 1/2 inch at His temples. I was fascinated by the smooth contour and outline of His beard. I have never seen a beard trimmed so perfectly. Every single hair was trimmed to a perfect length. I should admit that I was first taken with His beard, even before His eyes. I don't know why.

MY TESTIMONY

This is my testimony of a vision of JESUS, so I don't have to have an explanation for everything. All that I have to do now is to tell you what I saw, and the way that it happened.

THE LIGHT

Next, my attention was drawn to a bright light showing through a purple curtain behind His throne. The light must have been white, but when it showed through the purple curtain it caused a purple glow throughout the whole room. It was the only source of light in the room, and it was behind JESUS. But, it illuminated His face and His front parts as well as if it had been in front of Him. His face didn't look purple. It appeared to provide a perfect color balance. His complexion was caucasian with a very healthy sun tan.

HIS EYES

My attention went back to His face and I noticed that His eyes were blue. I wondered why they weren't brown. They were piercing eyes. JESUS talked to me with His eyes. I never heard a sound. He made me to understand what He was saying through His eyes.

WE TALKED

I never said a word either. As fast as I thought of what I wanted to say, He answered me - with His gaze. There was absolutely no question as to what He said.

The first thing that I thought (said) was, "I never had a vision in color, before."

He stared right into my eyes and said, "I Know it!"

Boy, did I feel dumb. I could have brought some great theological question, or offered praise or blessing or worship. Instead I started out with my amazement at the color vision.

HE KNOWS EVERYTHING

Immediately, I understood that there was not anything that I could say that He did not already know. And I knew that this was to be a

conversation unlike any that I had ever had before.

THE ROBE

I then noticed His robe. It was brown, perfectly pressed with no wrinkles, and extremely plain. There were no buttons, no ornaments and not even any seams. I still don't know how it fastened. There was no collar on the neck. It was just a simple round hole. The sleeves were 3/4 length, with no cuffs.

HIS HAIR

My attention went back to His face and I noticed that His hair was long, but not to His shoulders like most artists paint. I believe it was an inch or two longer than my normal hair cut. His hair was perfectly groomed. It was like it had been washed and brushed for about an hour. Not one hair was out of place.

THE GOLD CROWN

His gold crown had no ornaments and no jewels. It did have the standard saw tooth shape on the top, but each saw tooth shape was not tipped with a ball of gold as are some pictures that I have seen. It was a diadem and it was the only sign of the rank that JESUS held. It was so very regal that it didn't need any extra ornamentation.

He wore it slightly askew and tipped forward like I wore my white hat when I was a sailor.

HIS FACE

He had a high forehead. Not too high.

His nose was big, but not as big as a stereotypical Jewish nose. It was angular, like a classic Greek nose.

His eyes were hauntingly piercing. They were deep and they were hurt. He didn't seem to be especially hurt at anything that I had done or not done. Rather, His hurt seemed to be the product of the ages. Maybe the word "hurt" isn't exactly right. Perhaps the idea of "extremely intense feeling" is better. His eyebrows were a little bushy, but not extremely so.

I don't remember anything about His ears. They must have been covered by His hair.

HIS BODY ON THE THRONE

JESUS had a slightly built frame but He wasn't skinny.

He was seated on a very plain massive gold throne. There was no ornamentation at all. The

throne was solid gold. Don't ask me how I know. I knew.

I stood directly in front of Him. My head tilted back very slightly when I looked into His face, so His throne was probably on two or three steps above the floor where I was standing.

The arms of the throne were much higher than are the arms of any chair that I have seen. It looked like it would be uncomfortable for Him if He would place His arms way up on the arms of the throne. He kept his arms on His lap.

It looked like the throne must have been pretty hard because there was no padding. I had the feeling that JESUS didn't spend much time there.

STARKLY PLAIN

I was most surprised at the stark plainness of everything. The feeling that I got was that there was no need to decorate everything up because everything was already the very best.

SOMETHING SPECIAL WAS UP

When I looked at His eyes I knew that I was looking into the wisdom of the ages. There was nothing that He didn't know. I felt very little and very dumb.

But, I knew that something special was up because I had a knowing that this was a very special audience with the King of Kings. I knew that He had my name and number and that He wanted me to do something for Him.

BACK TO ENGINEERING?

At the time I thought that as soon as I finished writing the book about Revelation then God would let me go back to working as an Electronic Engineer. That was 21 years ago and either I must be very slow or else I was very wrong about my desire to return to engineering. Don't bring up the idea to me of putting your hand to the plow and then turning back. I did not volunteer to do anything for God. He drafted me. I thought that draftees could go back home after the war, but the war must be still going on.

I thought that He might want to talk about some of my inventions and engineering projects. But He wasn't even a little bit interested or impressed with anything that I had accomplished in the past. Nothing.

A STUDENT TEACHER NOT A STUDENT PRINCE

I had quite a few questions about my competence to try to write anything about the church or to try to change it. JESUS told me that my job was to dig and dig into the scriptures. I would find

all that He wanted me to write about in the Bible. He said that the concordance was OK to use. He didn't recommend anything else. JESUS said that my job was to be a Bible student who was to teach what he was learning from the Bible. That is probably the reason that I now believe so very strongly in continuous revelation.

CONTINUOUS REVELATION

I knew then that I would have to study a whole lot more than just the book of Revelation and Bible prophecy. At that time I didn't have any concept of the differences between SPIRIT and SOUL and BODY. And the truth of the THREE FEASTS was still to come. The different NAMES OF GOD and the VOLUME OF THE BOOK were still far off in the future. Now, years later, every religious and Bible question has found its answer in those studies. No. I don't believe that we know it all, yet. The questions that I had are now answered, so now I look for new questions.

NO QUESTIONS TOWARD ME

JESUS didn't ask me questions. In fact, He didn't ask me to make any commitments. It was like all those things had already been settled. He knew that I would do what I was told to do. It was kind of like - there was no other way for me to go.

MY QUESTIONS FOR JESUS

I asked Him when my job would be over, but He never answered me.

I asked Him how I would get money to finish raising my four children, but He never answered me.

I asked Him what would happen to my wife Betty and our house and the car, but He never answered.

I asked Him, "Why me?" He answered me with a question, "Why not you?" And it was followed with a feeling that He was going to use my natural attribute of attention to detail, but He never actually said that.

I thought (said), "But, I'm an engineer. Why don't you choose a seminary graduate theologian." JESUS answered me with an exasperated look without any words.

I asked Him if He thought that I would goof things up. He looked at me as if that was the goofiest question that He had ever heard. He let me know that He didn't have time to give assignments to goof ups. I still wonder about

that, because I still continually do things that I feel are goof ups.

I asked Him what He would do to me if I goofed up. He said that He would cover for me, but I better not goof very often or very bad.

Whenever I asked Him how things were going to work out for us, he never answered.

He was only interested in telling me what He wanted. My questions and fears about how, when, where, and why I was to do things didn't seem to matter either. It was kind of like - I'll tell you what I want you to know, when I want you to know, and when I'm ready, and when you're ready. I'll have to admit that JESUS kind of acted like the Captain of my submarine used to act. He was the boss and He knew it; and I knew it.

I BELIEVE IN YOU

When I said, "I believe in you JESUS" He replied, "I believe in you David" and that made me want to cry. I figured that He didn't have very much to work with, but if He thought I could do it - I could.

PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE

No one else was there, just JESUS and me. I felt relieved at that because I wondered if He was going to dig up some bad things out of my past and then judge me for them. No. He didn't. His deep piercing eyes told me that nothing was hidden, but that He couldn't have cared less about the past. His interest was in my present and in my future.

TOO PLAIN?

Sometimes when I read glowing accounts from great authors about the glory of JESUS, I do wish that He would not have been so plain in my vision. It would be great to talk about beauty and grandeur and wonderful music and singing, but I can't.

TOO QUICK?

And He was very direct. He didn't waste any words or time. I almost felt a rebuke for thinking about the fact that I had never had a vision in color before. But, it wasn't really a rebuke. It was more like - "I know it. Let's get busy with our work and cut out the small talk. I'm too busy for it."

After JESUS told me what He wanted me to know - He disappeared. He went away as fast as he appeared. He didn't even say goodbye.

I think I felt Him say, "Next person!"

BACK HOME

I immediately found myself back at my desk with my Bibles and Concordances. I wondered why JESUS didn't even bother to tell me that He was finished with the interview and assignment. There wasn't any salutation or ceremony when I was called into His presence and there wasn't any when I left.

I only knew that there was lots to do and that I needed some sleep to recharge my batteries.

I went upstairs to bed with the thought, "I'll bet that JESUS is now telling someone else what He wants them to do."

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The book titled REVELATION MAKES SENSE to which I referred in the preceding article is now out of print.

Now, we encourage our friends and students to secure a copy of my booklet KEY TO REVELATION, \$3.00 + P & H. It is an edited version of the first book and it contains all the information that a normal Sunday School student would want or need. It is a standard booklet size and contains 64 pages. Over 20,000 of those booklets have been distributed to interested Christians in the last 20 years. More Bible schools are now including the KEY TO REVELATION in their study of Revelation.

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Jack's temporal and spiritual works have saved many lives, perhaps yours.

Our loss is heaven's gain.

We will miss him greatly.

Thank you for your prayers and helpful suggestions. We lost that round, but the fight is not over. "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;" (2 Corinthians 4:7-12)