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Jesus the ALPHA and OMEGA – the BEGINNING and the END.

Close eyes – mentally draw a picture of Jesus.

In the next 15 minutes I want to look at a picture of our Lord Jesus from

**Genesis 1 to Revelation 22**

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**THE WORD** In Genesis 1:1-3 , all of God, Spirit, Word are present

In John 1:1, v14 Jesus is described as the WORD – God speaking directly to the universe and to us individually – one to one! **Jesus** is God's spoken **word**. John then explains that the **Word** (**Jesus**) was "with" God and "was" God.

**THE SON OF GOD – son of earth.**

Isaiah 9:6,7 “a baby will be born, a Son will be given: … He will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace”. John 3:16 “Because God so loved his creation, He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life”

Jesus was born a **baby**—9 months in Marys’. Mary wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. Suckled him at her breast and changed his nappy.

**THE SCHOLAR**

At **12 years of age**, he was discussing high level religious matters with the religious leaders then returned to Nazareth where he “was in submission to his parents and grew in wisdom and statue and in favour with God and man.” Luke 2:41-52

**CARPENTER** 12-30 years of age. Mark 6:3

**BAPTISM** - 30 ears old –the Spirit of God descended on him and a voice came from heaven saying “this is My beloved son, in whom I AM well pleased.” Matthew 3:17

**Teacher** - the sermon on the mount. Mark 5-7.

**REBEL**. Made a whip out of cords and drove out the sheep and overturned the money changers tables in the temple. “You have made My Fathers house a place of commerce.“ John 2:15

“**Jesus’ face shone** brighter than the sun, and His clothes became as white s the light.” Matthew 17:1-8

“Jesus **wept**” John 11:35

**Breakfast** at the beach with some of his followers. (my favorite – intimacy) John 21:1-13

“Let the little **children** come to me and don’t stop them, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” Matthew 19:14

“Do not sorrow because I AM leaving you - I am going to **prepare a place** for you” John 14:2-3

The crucifixion – “**it is finished**.” John 18:28-30

“For He/God made Him/Jesus who knew no sin *to become* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him” 2 Corinthians 5:19

**Tortured, crucified, buried, descended into Hades, rose from the dead.** Ephesians 4:9,10

Conquered death by going through it. Revelations 1:5 first born from the dead – never to die again

“Sat down at the **right hand** of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 1:3. Romans 8:34.

**Judge** - from where he will “judge the living and the dead.” John 10:42

Also “He always lives to make intercession for us.” **Our barrister** Romans 8:34. Hebrews 7:25.

Look now at Revelations 22:13 “**I AM the A and the Z** , the beginning and the end, the First and the Last” and Revelations 1:8 “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Revelation 1:13-16 hair- white -EYES LIKE A FLAME OF FIRE - feet like fine brass – voice as the sound of many waters – face like the sun shining in its strength.. v18 “ I have the keys of Hades and of death.

**Is this the picture of Jesus that we know?**

**For us believers** - Revelation 21:7 – those who come to him – our names are recorded in Gods Presence, in **the Lambs Book of Life**, as children of God. 1 John 5:1 9 **If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved**. (Name in the Lambs Book of Life)10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. 11 Romans 10:9-11.“Peter said You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16 John 3:16 “because God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish but have everlasting life.”

**The Lion of the tribe of Judea and the Slain Lamb** Revelation Chpt 5 “worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honour and glory and blessings.” 6:1 and I saw the Lamb opening one of the seals.”

**WHY IS** Jesus ‘the LAMB” and also the LION releasing devastation on the earth in the final days – because Jesus has made a way for us to come to God and these are the final times for people to repent and come to ‘the Lamb that was slain”. Jesus the Lamb of God died on the cross to take our rebellions and rose to life **- with out** them on the third day – his resurrection.

*Revelations 21:1-7. “and I saw a* ***new heaven and a new earth*** *for the first heaven and the first earth have passed away.” V3 “and I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, “look,* ***the dwelling place of God*** *is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be His sons and daughters, and* ***God himself*** *will be with them.” V4 and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there will be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, because the former things have passed away.”*

In Chpt 21 - **It is now GOD** – FATHER, SON, SPIRIT – **Never separate** but in the full unity of GOD who dwells with us. AND we dwell in God. John 17:18-26

**I asked you to create*****A mind picture of Jesus – I have tried to bring Just a little sketch of THE ETERNAL ONE*.** *Genesis 1 to Revelation 22.*

THIS IS OUR JESUS – WHO FOR LOVE OF THE FATHER, THE LOVE OF US became one of us – lived our lives - and brought us to GOD.

JESUS ASKED HIS FRIENDS – ”BUT - WHO DO **YOU** SAY I AM?” Mark 8:29