

Jesus' autobiography

Jesus left us his autobiography! In the last book of the Bible he is the central character. That's why it's called the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

His self-portrait is summed up in Revelation 1.5.

First, he says he is “the faithful witness”, and “witness” is a key concept in Revelation - the actual word occurs seventeen times. How faithful was Jesus in witnessing to God's love for the world? As the Lamb of God, he was faithful to death - even death on a cross!

Second, he is also “firstborn from the dead”. That is, *death's personal conqueror!* Why is death a major theme in his autobiography? Because he is its Lord! He is death's present manager. Revelation 1.17-18. Death is not to be feared. Revelation 2.10. It has been conquered, and will be erased. Revelation 21.4.

Third, he is King of kings, “the ruler over the kings of the earth.” This is Revelation's third great theme. Although the book is thronged with thrones and kings, there is but one throne that matters and Christ is on it. Revelation 3.21. The book opens and closes with his throne. Revelation 22.1-4.

With Jesus on our side, what matters who is against us?

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No wonder Jesus said, “*All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.*” - Matthew 28.18.

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