

Jesus Christ the Firstborn from the Dead

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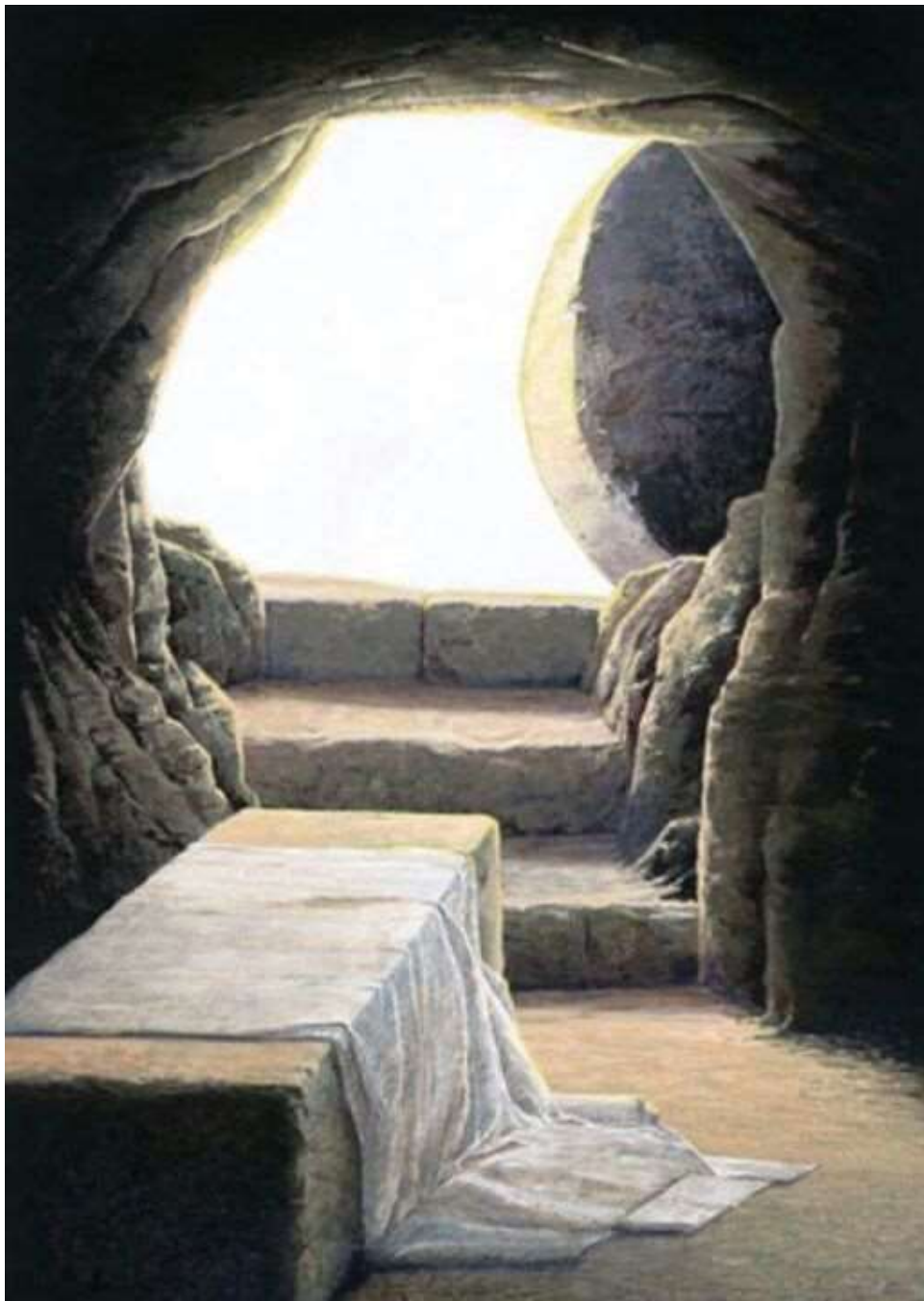


**What are the absolute
foundational core
doctrines that the
Christian faith is built
upon?**



The most fundamental and essential truth of the Christian faith is the affirmation that the man Christ Jesus of Nazareth rose from the dead after His crucifixion and subsequent death and burial in the city of Jerusalem circa 33 AD.





**You can't be
saved if you
don't
believe in
the
resurrection
of the man
Christ
Jesus.**



**From the first chapter
to the last chapter,
Revelation reveals that
the man Christ Jesus,
the eternal Son of God,
is NOT dead.**



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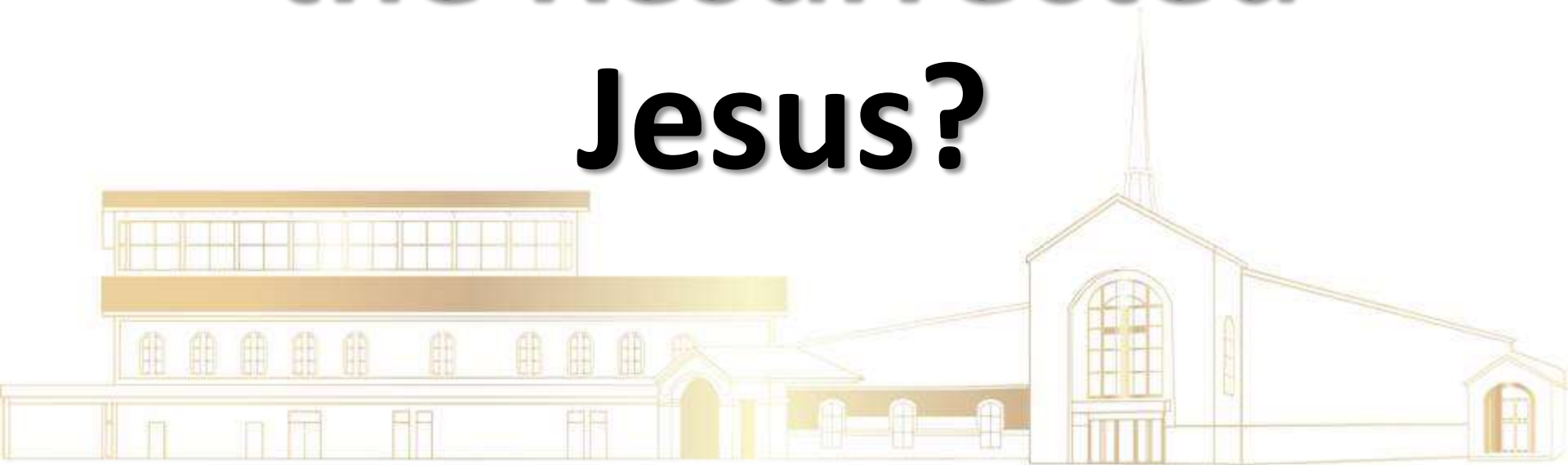


- **The revelation of Jesus Christ,**
which God gave him to show
to his servants the things that must soon take
place. He made it known by sending his angel to
his servant John,

revelation not biography

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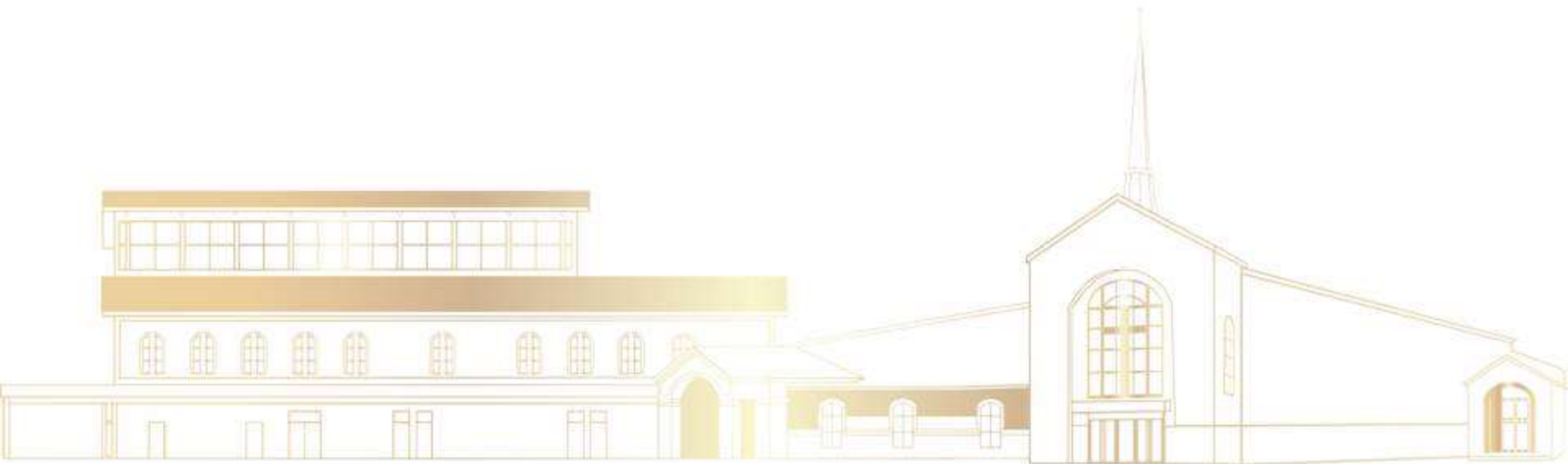
How does Revelation show us the Resurrected Jesus?



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#1

Called the Firstborn of the Dead



Revelation 1:5



- and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood

Firstborn

Acts 26:23 explains what is meant by firstborn from the dead.

Let's look at it.



Acts 26:23

- that the Christ must suffer and that, **by being the first to rise from the dead,** he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”



Firstborn

**Lazarus and others were
resurrected from the dead, but
they all went on to die again.**

**Not Jesus he received a spiritual
body that will never die again.**



Colossians 1:18

- And he is the head of the body,
the church: who is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead;
that in all *things* he might have
the preeminence.



1 Corinthians 15:20

- But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, **the firstfruits** of those who have fallen asleep.



Firstfruits

Firstfruits points to the reality that there will be more fruit. Others are also going to be resurrected from the dead and receive a spiritual body like Jesus received as the first born from the dead.

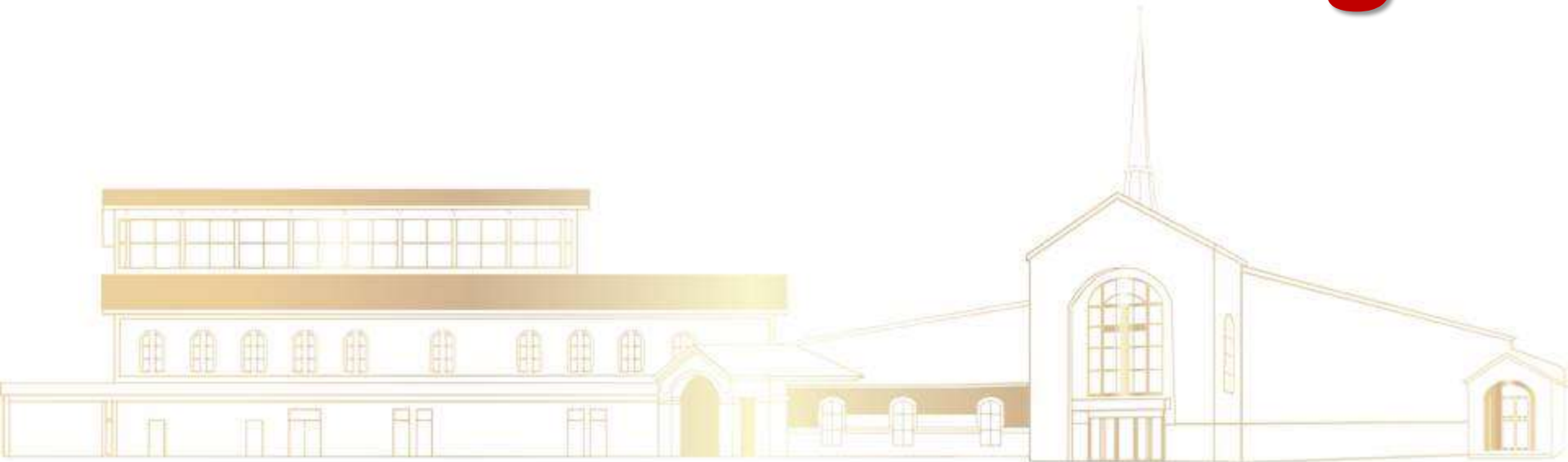
Are you in Christ? Will you be part of those who receive a spiritual body like Christ's?



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#2

Seated and Standing



Revelation 14:1

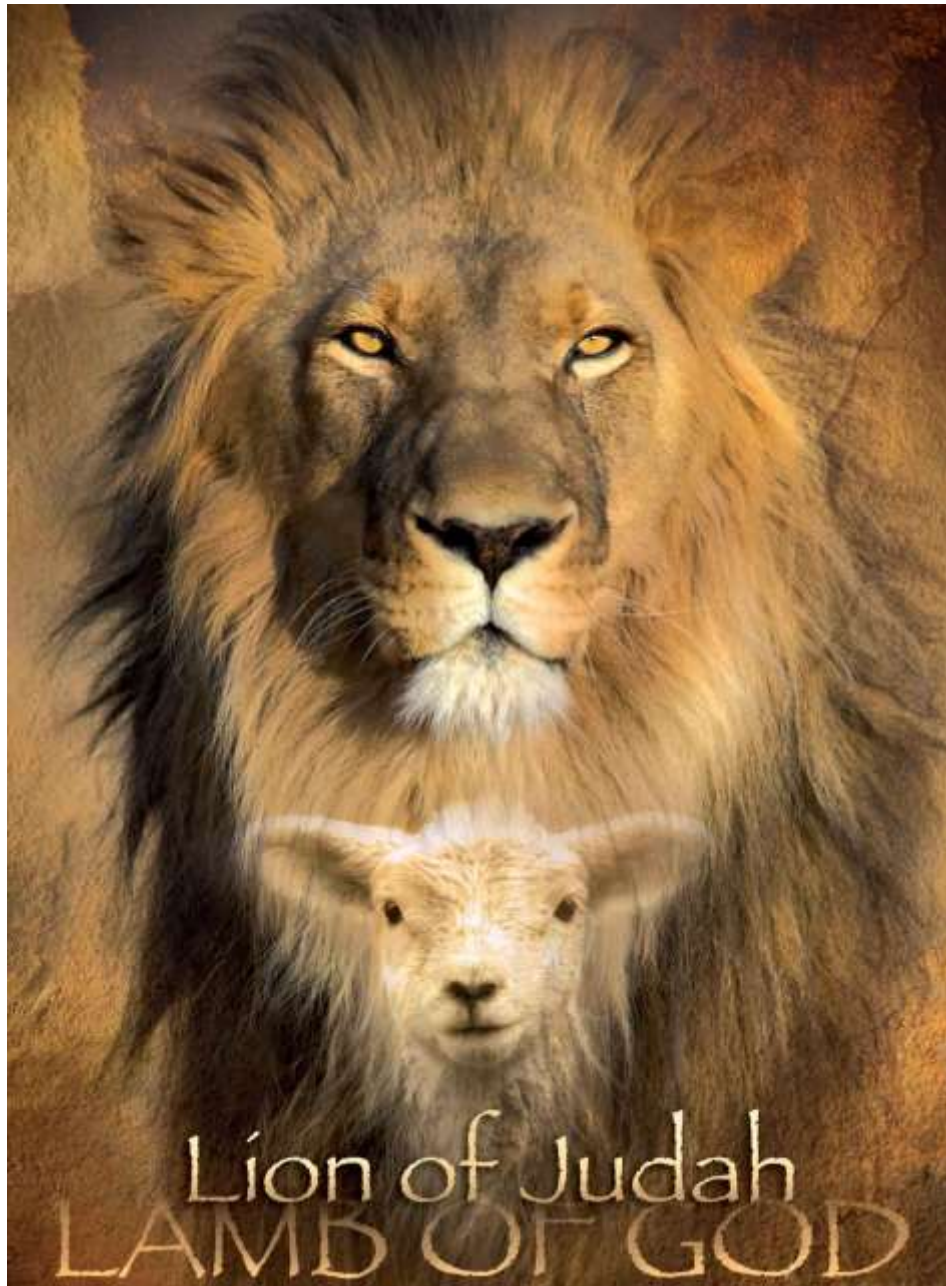


- Then I looked, and behold, **on Mount Zion stood the Lamb**, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.

Revelation 14:14



- Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand.



**First, John
presents
Jesus as the
Lion of the
Tribe of
Judah.**



Revelation 5:5



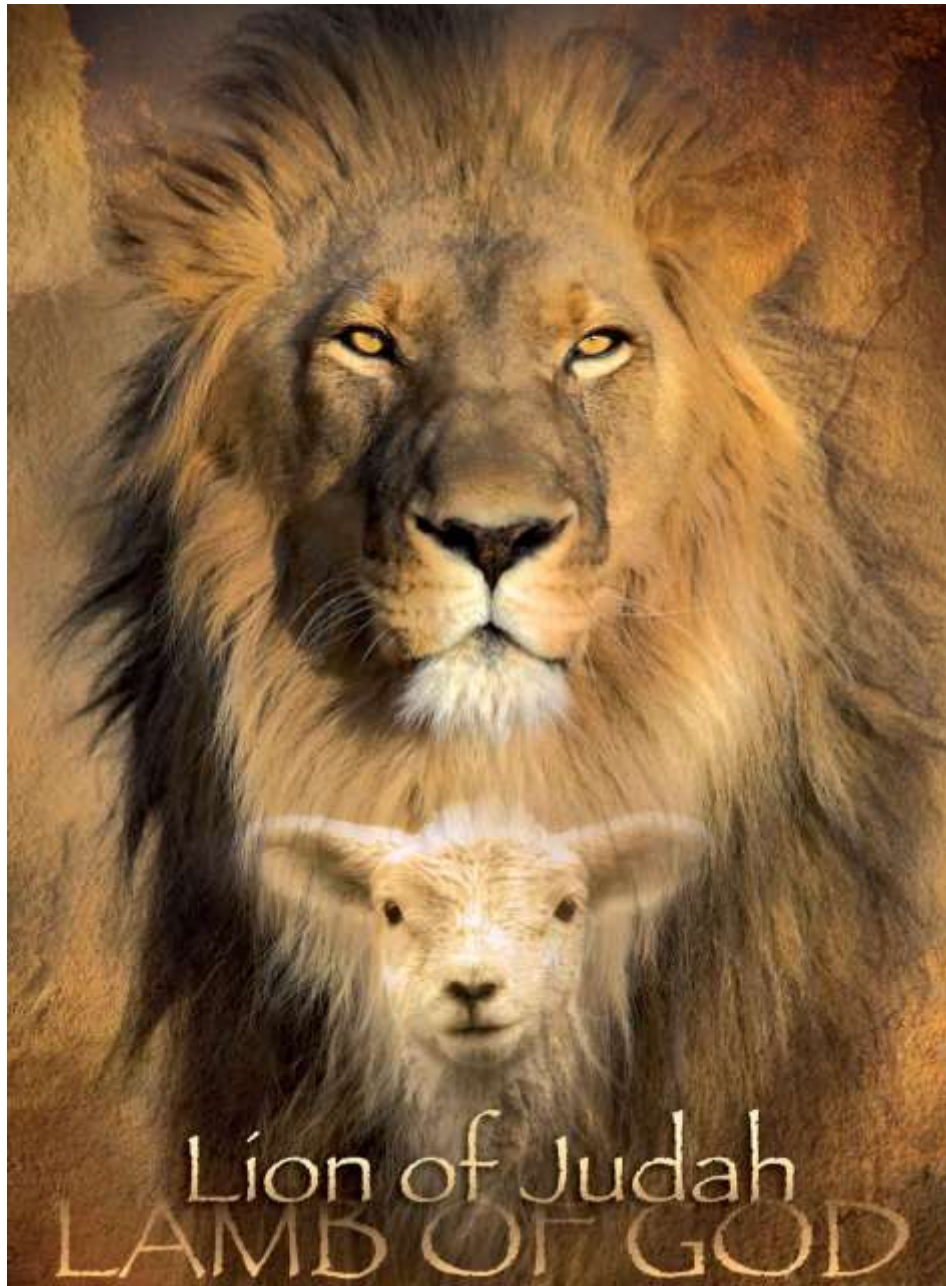
- And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then...

Revelation 5:6-7



- And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders
I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain,
with seven horns and with seven eyes,
which are the seven spirits of God
sent out into all the earth.



**Now Jesus
is a Lamb
standing,
as though
it had been
slain.**



Lion of Judah and Lamb of God



Lion of the tribe of Judah pictures Jesus as the conquering King of Kings and Lord of Lords; He is the victor worthy of all praise and honor—the king who has conquered Satan, sin, death, and His enemies is do!



Lamb of God pictures Jesus as the innocent, sinless atoning sacrifice slain for the sins of the whole world. He has freed believers from their sins by his blood and reconciled to God the enemies who crucified Him.

Please understand Jesus' resurrection would have no redemptive value if He was not also the Lamb of God without spot or blemish.

Slain Lamb of God points to the sacrificial and substitutionary role Christ embraced on a tree in Jerusalem 2000 years ago.

The Christian festival "Easter" (even with its pagan heritage) is the celebration of more than the resurrection of the man Christ Jesus.



Revelation 13:8



- and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the **book of life of the Lamb who was slain.**



Slain – to kill violently

Revelation 5:12



- saying with a loud voice,
**“Worthy is the Lamb
who was slain,** to receive
power and wealth and wisdom
and might and honor and glory
and blessing!”

The reason we celebrate the resurrection of Christ with such global participation is because Christ died for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world.



1 John 2:2

- He is the propitiation **for our sins**, and not for ours only **but also for the sins of the whole world.**

Christ died for your sins.



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But the efficacy of his atoning sacrifice is only applied to those who put their faith in the Lamb.





**What do I mean
by put their faith
in the Lamb who
was slain?**



Revelation 7:14



- I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

1 John 1:7

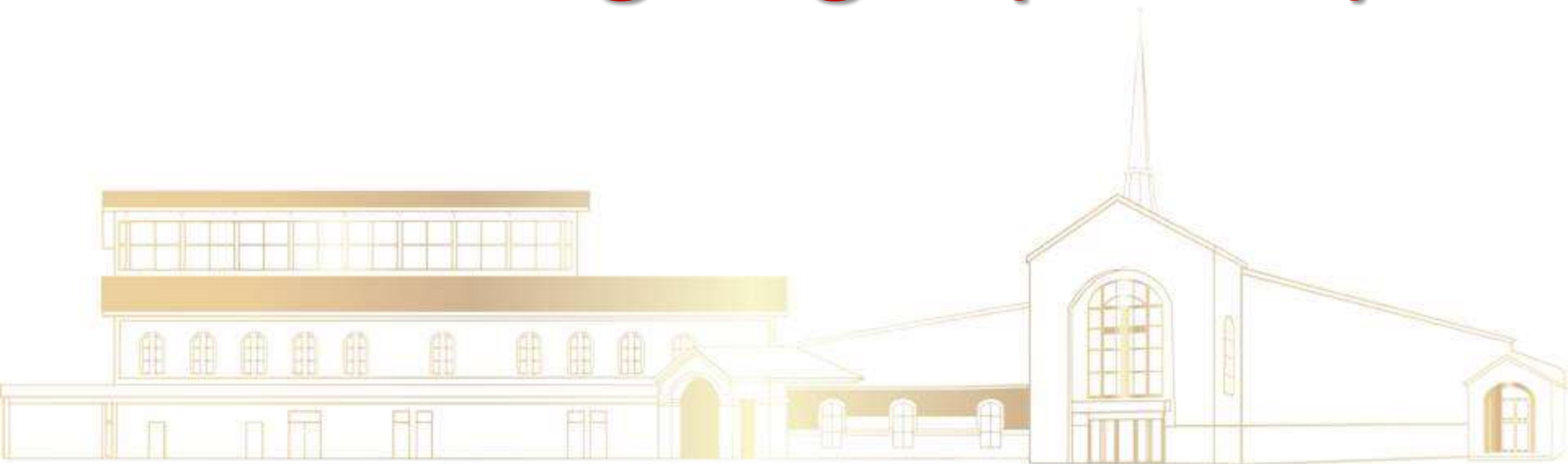
- But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.



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#3

Receiving Might (Power)



Revelation 5:13



- And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

- **Blessing**
- **Honor**
- **Glory**
- **Might**

You might give honor
to a dead person but
you don't give
blessing and power to
someone who is
dead.

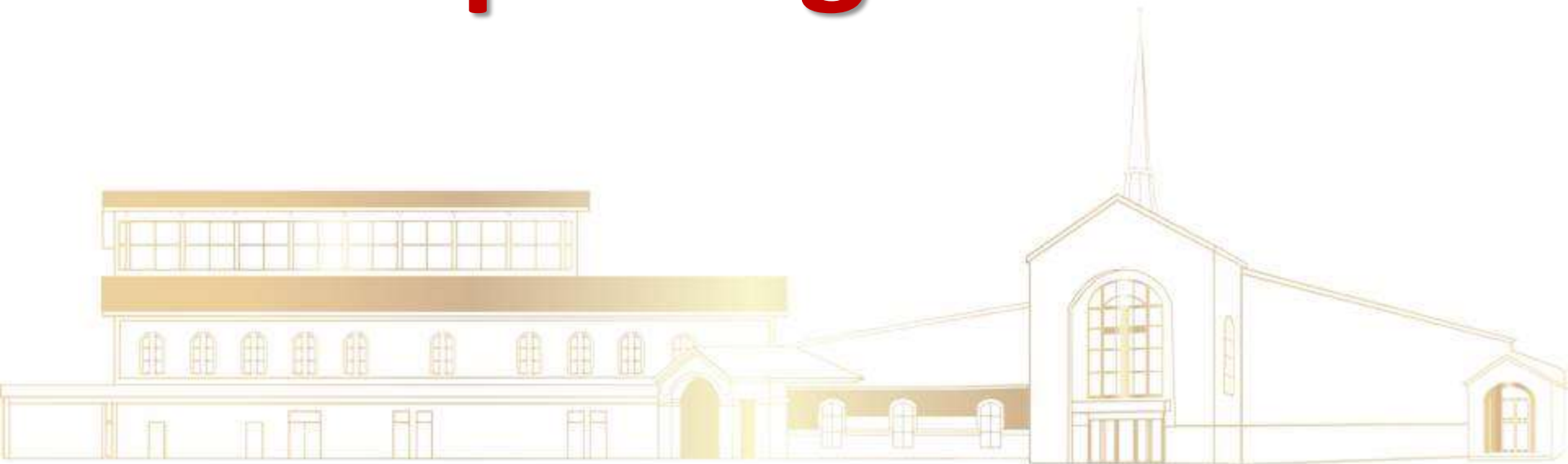
**For the Lamb forever and
ever because He is alive.**



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#4

Opening Seals

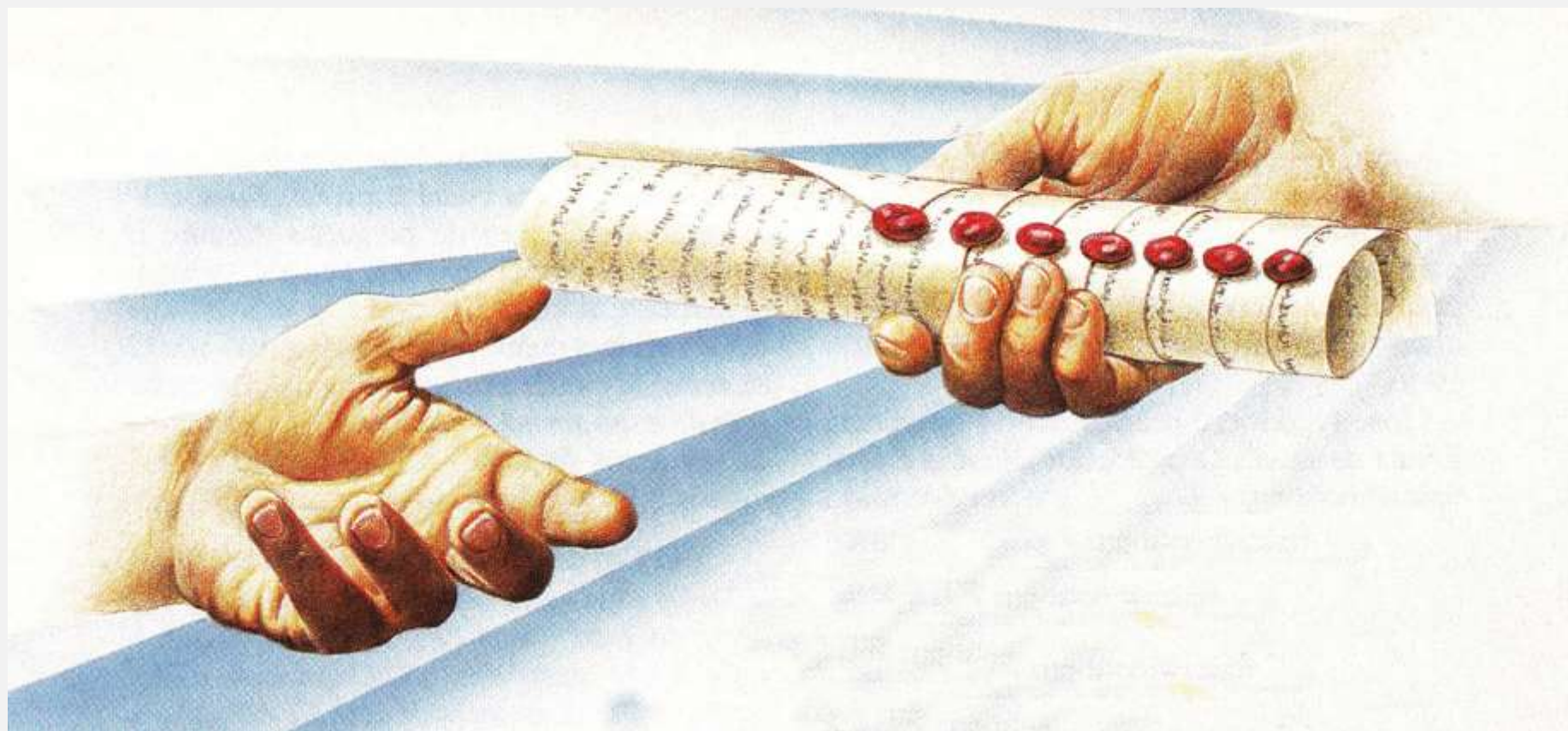


Revelation 6:1



- Now I watched when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come!”

And...



Revelation 8:1



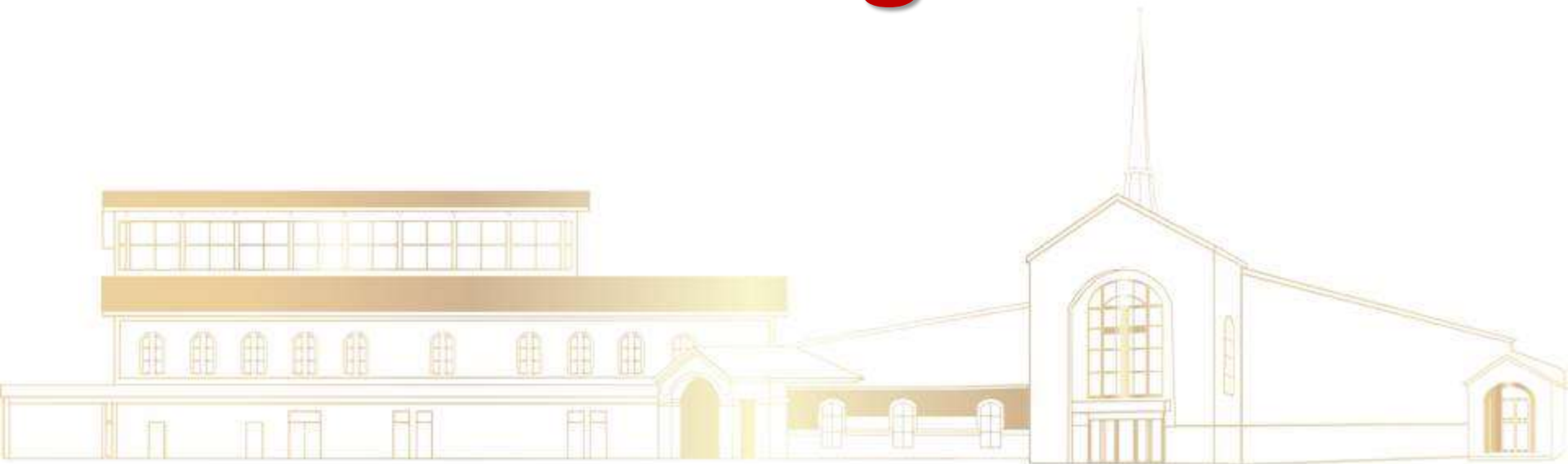
- **When the Lamb opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour.**

The reason the Lamb can open the seal is because He is not dead.

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#5

Manifesting Wrath



Revelation 6:16



- calling to the mountains and rocks,
“Fall on us and **hide us** from
the face of him who is seated on
the throne, and **from the**
wrath of the Lamb,

**The manifestation of
wrath from a person
is normally a good
indication that they
are not dead.**



Ways Revelation Shows Jesus is Alive

1

Jesus is described as the first born of the dead

2

Jesus is pictured as both seated and standing at different times

3

Jesus receives might or power; something the dead can't have

4

Jesus opens the seals of the scroll of God's unfolding plan

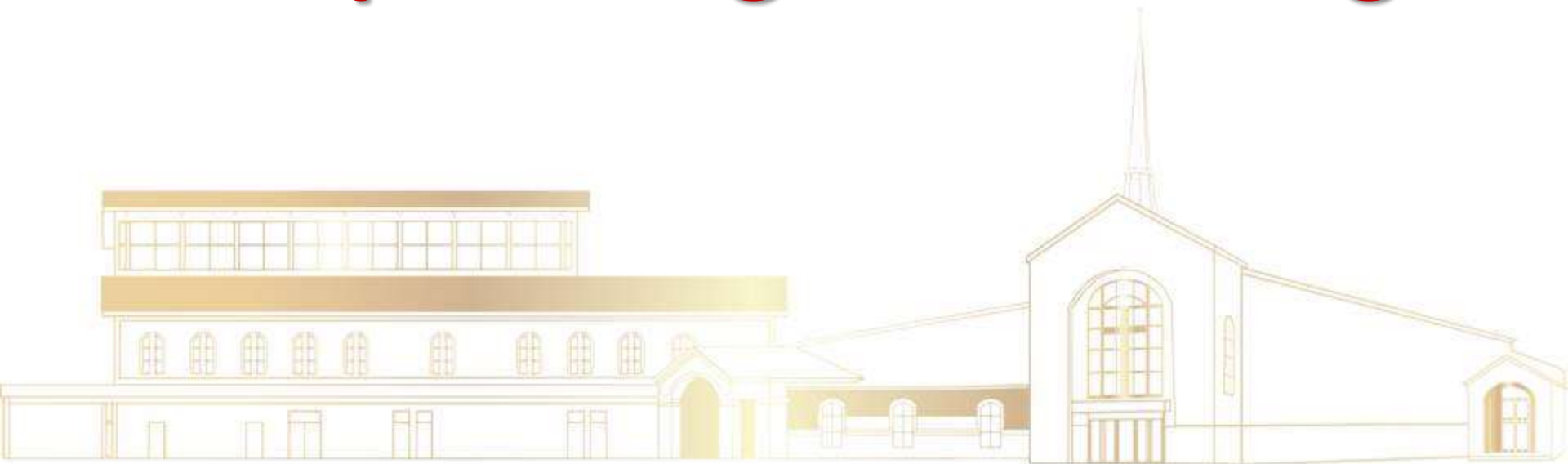
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Jesus manifests wrath toward the enemies of God

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#6

Shepherding and Guiding



Revelation 7:17b



- For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

NOT past tense 'was'

**You can't
be a
shepherd if
you are
dead.**



Revelation 7:17b



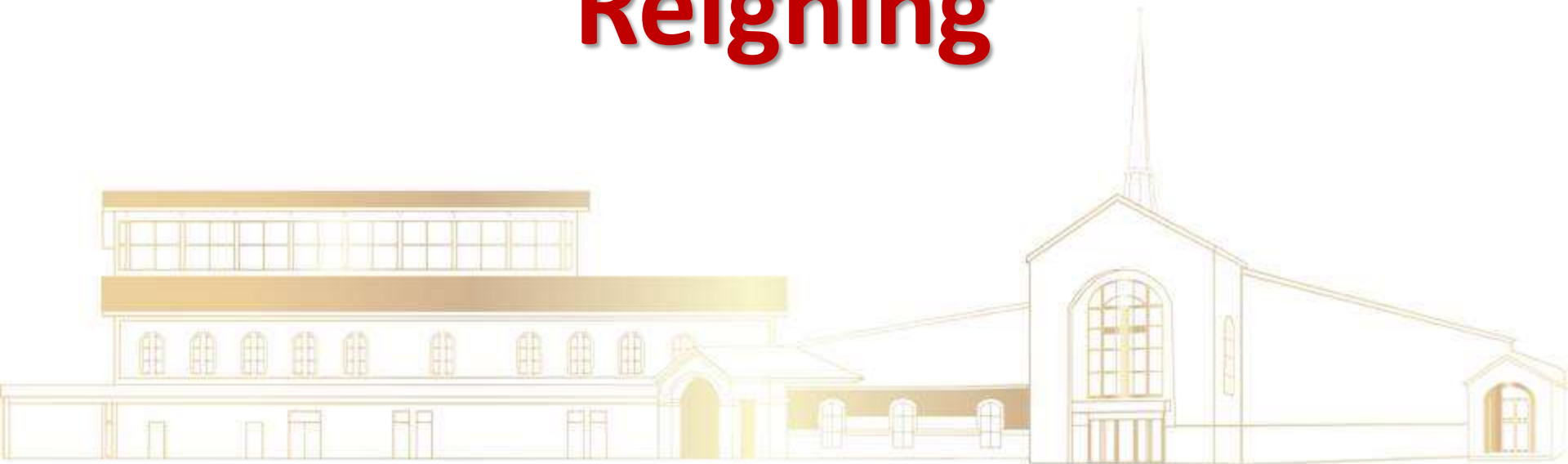
- he [the shepherd] will guide them to springs of living water,

**You wouldn't want a
dead guide.**

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#7

Receiving a Kingdom and Reigning



Revelation 14:10

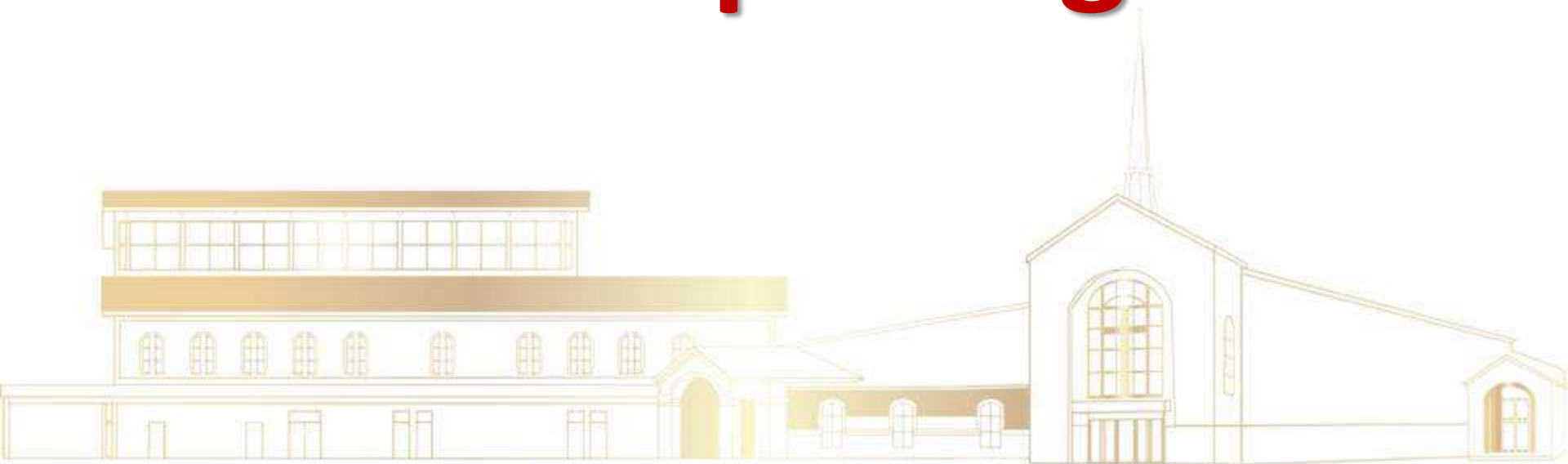


- Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.”

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#8

Conquering



Revelation 17:14



- They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

Revelation 5:5



- And one of the elders said to me,
“Weep no more; behold, the Lion
of the tribe of Judah, the Root of
David, **has conquered**,
so that he can open the scroll and
its seven seals.”

- 1. Christ conquered death through His personal resurrection.**
- 2. Christ is presently conquering as the gospel prevails over spiritually dead people bringing them to life.**
- 3. Christ will return to conquer Satan, the beast, the false prophet, the kings of the earth and all those whose opposed His rule and reign.**



Turn to Revelation 19:11



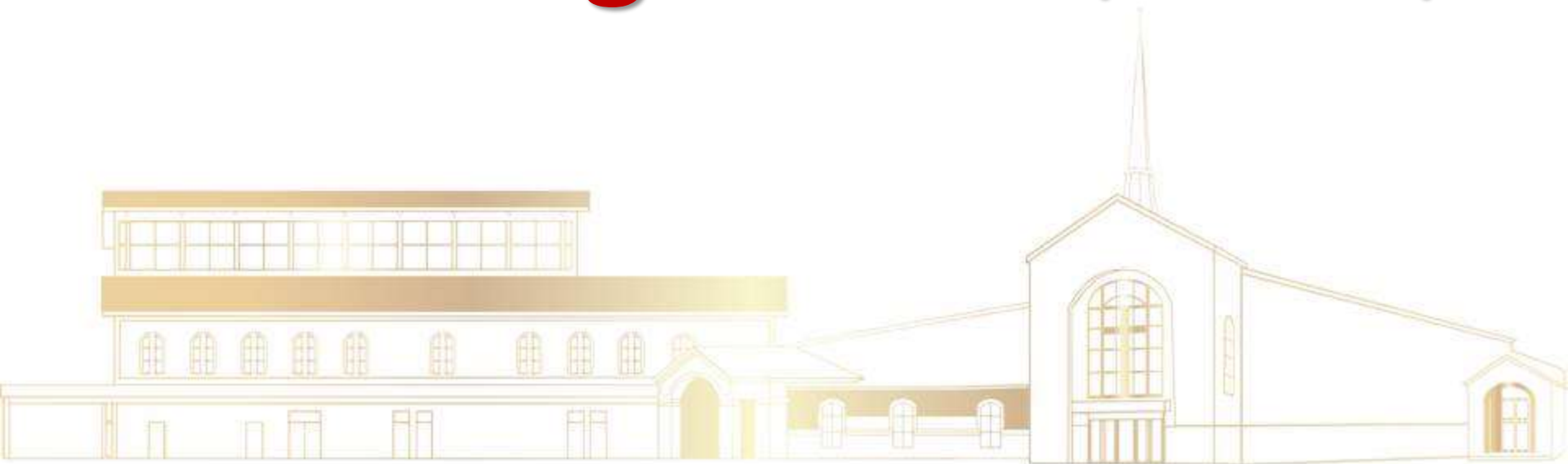
¹¹ Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³ He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵ From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶ On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.



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#9

Receiving a Bride (the church)



Revelation 19:7



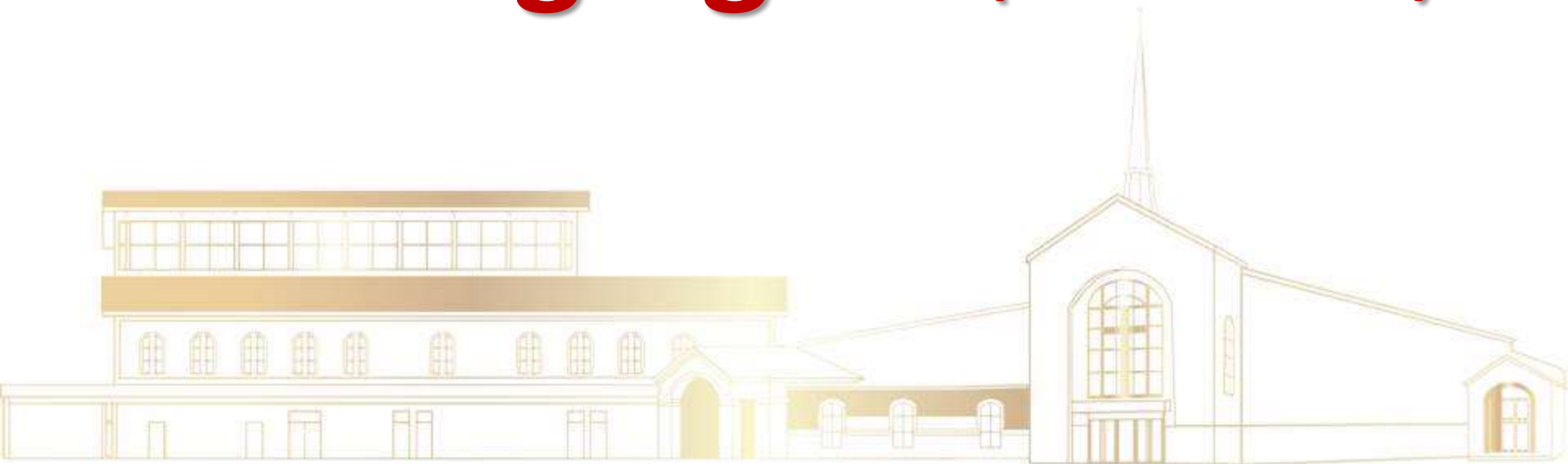
- Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready;

**Typically,
dead people don't get married.**

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#10

Coming Again (as in Second)



Revelation 1:7



- Behold, **he is coming** with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

Revelation 3:11



- **I am coming soon.**

**Hold fast what you have, so that
no one may seize your crown.**

Revelation 16:15



- (“Behold, I am coming like a thief! Blessed is the one who stays awake, keeping his garments on, that he may not go about naked and be seen exposed!”)

Revelation 22:7



- “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

Revelation 22:12



- **“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done.**

Revelation 22:20



- He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen.
- Come, Lord Jesus!

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| 7 | Jesus receives a kingdom and reigns forever |
| 8 | Jesus is a warrior on a white horse conquering |
| 9 | Jesus receives a bride at the marriage supper of the Lamb |
| 10 | Jesus is described as 'coming' 6x in Revelation alone |



