



## **Jesus Revealed**

Revelation 3:7-13

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### **Revelation 3:7-13**

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. I will make those who are of the synagogue of Satan, who claim to be Jews though they are not, but are liars—I will make them come and fall down at your feet and acknowledge that I have loved you. Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown. The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name. Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

To the Church in Philadelphia, Jesus is revealing:

1. His Identity
2. His Authority
3. His Call
4. His Promise

## 1. The Identity of Jesus



### **Revelation 3:7**

These are the words of him who is holy and true...

“In ancient writings like the Bible, a name was way more than a label you used to make dinner reservations or sign up for a spin class or file your taxes with the IRS. Your name was your identity, your destiny, the truth hidden in the marrow of your bones. It was the one-word moniker for the truest thing about you - your inner essence.”

- John Mark Comer, *God Has A Name*

Aléthinós: What is essentially true – connecting (visible) fact to its underlying reality. Emphasizes the integrity of what is true, down to its inner make-up. Reality, "true inside and out."

What does it mean that Jesus is genuine and authentic?

## 2. The Authority of Jesus

“God’s authority and God’s self-disclosure are two sides of the same reality. It is in His revelation that God’s authority is to be found: revelation is, therefore, the key to ultimate authority.”

- *Encyclopedia of the Bible*

### **Revelation 3:7-8**

These are the words of him...who holds the key of David. What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open. I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut.

What does it mean that we live under the ultimate authority of Jesus?

### **Matthew 28:18-19a**

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go...

## 3. The Call of Jesus

### **Revelation 3:11**

I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

### **Revelation 3:8, 11**

I know that you have little strength...I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.

## 4. The Promise of Jesus

### **Revelation 3:12-13**

The one who is victorious I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will they leave it. I will write on them the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on them my new name.