

UNRAVELLING THE BOOK OF REVELATION | SESSION 4

***"WHAT THE BOOK
OF REVELATION
IS ABOUT"***

(PART 2)



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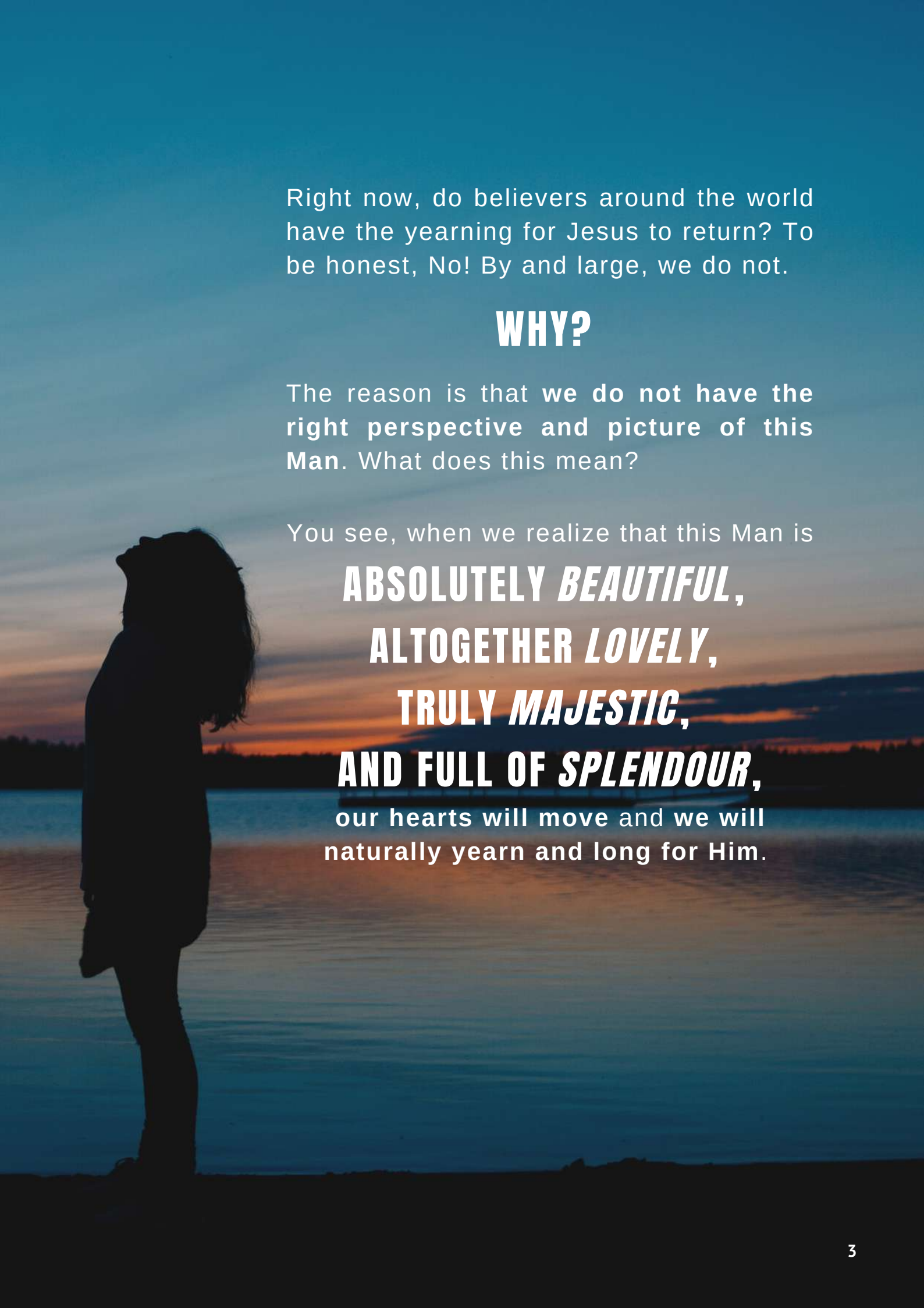


From the previous session, we learn that the primary theme of the Book of Revelation is the **glory, majesty, and splendour of Jesus at His Second Coming**. It is about this Man Christ Jesus, His personality, His power, and His action plan for the Church.

But why does the Book of Revelation focus on the Person of Jesus? What is the end goal when we study the Book of Revelation?

**THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO
PRODUCE IN OUR HEARTS THE
YEARNING FOR JESUS
TO COME BACK.**

When we really know this Man, our hearts will yearn for Him. We will want Him to return.



Right now, do believers around the world have the yearning for Jesus to return? To be honest, No! By and large, we do not.

WHY?

The reason is that we do not have the right perspective and picture of this Man. What does this mean?

You see, when we realize that this Man is

***ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL,
ALTOGETHER LOVELY,
TRULY MAJESTIC,
AND FULL OF SPLENDOUR,***
our hearts will move and we will naturally yearn and long for Him.

WHEN WE SEE JESUS AS HE IS, HOW COULD WE NOT WANT HIM TO RETURN?

The early Christians and the First Century Church had a yearning for Jesus' return. That is why they taught on the End Times. The freshness of their memories of Jesus **continually stirred up a deep longing in their hearts to be reunited with this glorious Man.** They prayed, talked about it and gave their all, seeking to hasten His return.

But over the centuries, we have lost that yearning because our picture of who Jesus is has faded away. As the sovereignty and supremacy of Jesus gave way to a picture of a "sensible and modern spiritual man", adoring worship from an overflowing heart has also given way to intellectualism and lifeless religion.

The eyes of our understanding need to be opened once again to who this glorious Son of God, Son of Man is. This is where the Book of Revelation comes in, to bring forth revelation, to breathe life and to create and stir up a yearning for Jesus!

Listen to the final statement of Jesus in the Book of Revelation and the response of John in Revelation 22:20:

**HE WHO TESTIFIES
TO THESE THINGS SAYS,
“SURELY I AM COMING
QUICKLY.” AMEN. EVEN SO,
COME, LORD JESUS!**

(Rev. 22:20)

Can you feel the rush of emotions and excitement in John’s heart when he heard Jesus say that He is coming quickly?

John’s heart literally leapt with an exuberant and joyous “Yes! Yes! Yes! Amen, come Lord Jesus, come!!”. **He couldn’t wait for that Day to see His Beloved face to face again.**

John is looking forward to Jesus’ Second Coming. On that Day when we see Jesus face to face, we will know that all the sufferings and tribulations we have gone through are truly worth it. In fact, we will realize that they are nothing compared to the glorious excellence of Christ Jesus. And it is this Blessed Hope of seeing Him again that keeps our hearts burning!



John encountered the glory of Jesus on the island of Patmos. But there was another thing he saw – **the glory of the Church in the last days. This is the secondary theme of this book.**

The Book of Revelation is the End-Time Book of Acts. It describes the power of the Holy Spirit that will be released through the Ekklesia in the last days. God is giving us glimpses of the glory we will have as a Church. The Church will be prepared, purified, and made ready. It will be our finest hour!



**“LET US BE GLAD AND REJOICE AND GIVE HIM GLORY,
FOR THE MARRIAGE OF THE LAMB HAS COME,
AND *HIS WIFE HAS MADE HERSELF READY.*”**

REVELATION 19:7

Why “*be glad and rejoice*”? Because His wife has made herself ready. Finally, the Church is fully mature!

There has **never been a time in the entire history** where the **Church is fully mature here on earth, except the End-Time Church** in the Book of Revelation.



**THERE IS ONLY ONE MOMENT,
ONE GENERATION AND IT IS OUR TIME.
ONLY ONE GENERATION GETS TO KEEP
THE PROPHECY OF THIS BOOK.**

**THIS GENERATION WILL LIVE IN AND
LITERALLY WITNESS THE UNFOLDING OF
THE STORYLINE OF THIS BOOK.**

Wow! Isn't that exciting? This is what the Book of Revelation is about.

As we study this book, may our focus not be primarily on the events – the seals, the trumpets and the bowls, etc., although it is important for us to know the events in order to have clarity. But may we behold who Jesus is and who we will be as the Bride, radiant in glory, made ready for the Bridegroom...

Our prayer is that as you behold the glory and majesty of this Beautiful Man, your heart will be utterly ruined and undone, and there will be that stirring up of the deepest yearning and lovesick cry unto the Lord,



***"EVEN SO, COME,
LORD JESUS!"***



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