

THE APOCALYPSE OF JESUS



A SERIES OF 5 LENT STUDIES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION
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The strange Book of Revelation, written in about 95AD, opens up a world in which Christians were under threat from the Roman Empire: some were suffering for their faith. Was it easier to fall in with the ways of the Empire with all its wealth and prosperity, as well as cruelty, than to hold fast in their faith? The prophet John records a vision of the Risen Jesus, which opens for him God's perspective on the Christian assemblies and on the Empire. Written in the sort of poetic literature sometimes called 'apocalyptic', John conveys his message encouraging the Christians to stay strong in their witness, whilst opening up the demonic realities behind the workings of totalitarian Empire, and looking towards God's

ultimate victory over all that is evil in the establishment of his kingdom.

Today we are subject to all the allurements of many different sorts of godless 'empires', tempting us to put other gods in the place of Jesus Christ. Can 'Revelation' encourage us in our struggles and witness in our very different world?

When: Thursdays at 2.30pm
March 14 - April 11

Where: Sanderstead United Reformed Church
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Each session will begin with a short act of worship followed by a talk for 30-40 minutes. There'll be time to reflect, ask questions and join discussions. Refreshments provided.

Please bring your Bible!