# "The Revelation of Jesus Christ" – week #3 Revelation 1

#### **Key vocabulary**

- 1. Revelation = uncovering, unveiling
- 2. Soon = quick succession of events
- 3. Blessed = spiritually satisfied
- 4. Near = next event on God's 'calendar'
- 5. Seven Spirits = The Holy Spirit & His 7 character qualities Isaiah 11:1-2
- Firstborn of the dead = the beginning of all resurrected life/Heir of all creation
- 7. Kingdom = 1,000 year reign
- 8. Priests = workers in this Kingdom
- 9. Glory = honor through character & achievement
- 10. Dominion = power over all creation
- 11. Alpha & Omega = first & last letters of the Greek alphabet = He's eternal
- 12. Sharp two-edged sword = Word of God Hebrews 4:12
- 13. Hades = place of the wicked dead
- 14. Seven stars = 7 messengers/leaders of the 7 churches
- 15. Seven lampstands = 7 churches of the Revelation

#### Revelation 1

Who? = Apostle John (1 of the original 12 Apostles of Jesus) - Rev. 1:1

Why? = the time is near - Rev. 1:3

Where? = Island of Patmos located 40 miles southwest of Asia Minor

When? =  $\sim$  AD. 95

Recipients of the letter? = the 7 churches located in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) - Rev. 1:11

#### What's the order of Revelation?

'The things you have seen' Revelation 1, 'those that are' Revelation 2-3 & and those that 'are to take place after this' Revelation 4-22 = Revelation 1:19

#### What's the transmission of the letter?

God to Jesus, Jesus to an angel (supernatural), angel to John, John to the 'stars' also referred to the 'angels' of the churches (pastor/leader), leader to read to their respective churches (7 churches) – Revelation 1:1-4, 20, 2:1

\*\*\*All of chapter 1 is past tense

## **Questions for discussion**

- 1. Which event of the future is mentioned here in Revelation 1:7?
- 2. Who approaches the apostle John here in verses 12-20?
- 3. Describe this 'Man' from verses 13-16?
- 4. How did John respond to Him in verse 17?

## Read Daniel 10:1-9 & compare to Revelation 1:12-16

Long robe w/a golden sash around His chest? – Exodus 28:4, Daniel 10:5

Hairs of His head white like wool, snow – Isaiah 1:18, Daniel 7:9 (God)

Eyes like the flame of fire – Daniel 10:6

Feet like burnished bronze - Daniel 10:6

Voice like the roar of many waters - Daniel 10:6

Face like the sun shining in full strength – Daniel 10:6

# Who is Jesus according to this chapter alone?

There are 4 major descriptions of Jesus that equate Him to God, what are they?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

## \*\*\*Next week we will look at the 7 Churches of the Revelation

- 1. Ephesus
- 2. Smyrna
- 3. Pergamum
- 4. Thyatira
- 5. Sardis
- 6. Philadelphia
- 7. Laodicea