

# A SUNDAY MORNING APOCALYPSE

**TODAY'S QUESTIONS: Are you ready for the revelation? Are you ready for a Sunday morning apocalypse?**

**SERIES QUESTION: Why the revelation?**

**SERIES THEME: We are the people of the apocalypse living everyday in the revelation of Jesus Christ**

- ▶ Revelation is the Greek word "apocalypse".
  - > To pull back the curtain.
  - > To suddenly open up what is hidden or closed.
  - > To break through into a greater vision or reality.
  - > The Revelation of Jesus Christ – \_\_\_\_\_ it; \_\_\_\_\_ it; \_\_\_\_\_ it!

**TODAY'S THEME: We are ready for The Revelation when we are in the Spirit, in the Church, and in the hands of Jesus Christ**

**TODAY'S TEXT: Revelation 1:9-20**

## **I. TODAY I AM LIVING IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS - v.10**

**A. JOHN WAS IN THE SPIRIT ON THE LORD'S DAY**

- ▶ This is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ about The Revelation!
  - > John's "location" isn't physical or emotional.
    1. John's \_\_\_\_\_ situation was real and dark.
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    2. John's \_\_\_\_\_ pain and burden was real. • v. 9
      - He is emotionally conflicted.
      - Real questions hang in the air.

*Question* → *Where did John choose to live on that Sunday morning?*

3. John \_\_\_\_\_ a spiritual reality that was greater than the reality of his physical or emotional world.

- > He chose to live in the Spirit!
  - Not in \_\_\_\_\_ prison.
  - Not in \_\_\_\_\_ or negative thinking.

- ▶ John practiced the reality of living in the Spirit!
  - John 14:16, 17a, 26, 27

**B. LET'S CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THE SPIRIT TODAY**

- > John was \_\_\_\_\_ with the Holy Spirit. (You can be too!)
- > John spoke and prayed in \_\_\_\_\_. (You can too!)
- > John worshipped in the Spirit. (Did you? Will you?)

- ▶ Every day I choose to live in the Spirit is a day that I choose to live in the revelation of Jesus Christ.

*Questions* → *Did I choose to live in the Spirit today or in my physical circumstances? Did I choose to be in the control of the Spirit today or in the control of my spirit, emotions, and thoughts?*

I CHOOSE TO BE IN THE SPIRIT AND NOT IN \_\_\_\_\_!

## **II. TODAY I AM LIVING IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS**

**A. JESUS IS IN THE CHURCH**

- ▶ This is a huge revelation (mystery) of The Revelation!
  - > Jesus gave John a message for the Churches.
    - vv.11-13
- ▶ "Son of Man" is Jesus' favoured name for himself.
  - > It is a direct reference to the vision of Daniel.
    - Daniel 7:13,14

> This title binds Jesus to us because "The Son of God" is "The Son of Man". He is \_\_\_\_\_ God and \_\_\_\_\_ man!

*Question* → *Where is the one "like a son of man"?*  
• vv. 12,13a & 20

- > The seven Churches are the lamps.
- > The One Who Is Coming was already there!

**B. LET'S WELCOME JESUS TO OUR CHURCH TODAY**

- ▶ The Church needs to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus today.

*Questions* → *Did we welcome His presence today? Are we living in the light of His burning eyes and listening to His thundering voice?*

- > The One Who Is Coming is \_\_\_\_\_ here!
  - This is the "mystery" of the Church.
    - v.20 & Colossians 1:27

▶ Jesus is living in us today BUT one day will break out in \_\_\_\_\_ power and glory for all the world to see.

### ☐ III. TODAY I AM LIVING IN THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JESUS

#### A. THE HAND OF JESUS TOUCHES JOHN - v. 17

Questions → *Where are the dead? Who holds the key?*

- v.18
- > The hand that touches John is the hand that holds the keys of the dark \_\_\_\_\_ world of death and the grave.

Questions → *Who controls the destiny of humanity? Is our future in the stars or in the hands of Jesus?*

- vv.16, 20

- > The hand that holds the Churches holds the 7 stars.
- > This is the hand that \_\_\_\_\_ the struggling saints.

#### B. PUT YOUR LIFE IN THE HANDS OF JESUS!

- > When everything seems out of control His hand is reaching out to \_\_\_\_\_ you!

Questions → *Will you surrender to His control today? Will you receive His comforting touch today?*

#### CONCLUDING QUESTION: **Will we turn to "see the voice"?**

- > Jesus' voice is calling us to turn and see Him clearly again!

## ~ LIFEGROUP STUDY GUIDE ~

**Opening:** Talk about things you have been hearing and seeing in the news this last week.

**Have someone in your group read** Revelation chapter I slowly out loud. As you listen write down at least one thing that you heard and saw as you listened.

THIS IS WHAT I SAW \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS WHAT I HEARD \_\_\_\_\_

**Read** Revelation 1:9,10 and discuss what it means to be "in the Spirit". (Also review section I. of Pastor Barry's notes.)

- > Is this a choice that we have today?
- > What other choices might we make that hinder being "in the Spirit"?

**Read** vv. 12, 13 and 20 and discuss the meaning of the golden lampstands and the churches? (Section II. of Pastor Barry's notes.)

- > Where is the light of the world today?
- > What do you make of Pastor Barry's statement: "*The One who is coming is already here.*"?

**Read** vv. 16-10 and discuss the significance of the right hand of Jesus. (Section III. in Pastor Barry's notes.)

- > What is the significance of the keys He holds?
- > What is the significance of the seven stars in verse 16?

**Share** times that you were encouraged and comforted by the hand of Jesus.

**Close in prayer** for more of the Spirit to be in our lives as we live as people of the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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*Apocalypse: "A vision of heavenly secrets that can make sense of earthly realities."  
- Wikipedia.com*

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