

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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