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Revelation 1:9-20

[9] I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. [10] I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet [11] saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

[12] Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, [13] and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. [14] The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, [15] his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. [16] In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

[17] When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, [18] and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. [19] Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. [20] As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

Sermon Outline:

1. The Commission of John (9-11)
2. The Vision of Jesus (12-16)
3. The Recommission of John (17-20)

Life Group Leader Notes:





- Before this sermon, how did you picture Jesus? Were there any famous paintings or movies that inspired your image of Jesus? How did this vision in Revelation line up with your imagination?
- John described himself as a brother. Pastor Scott made the point that the church is primarily a *family*. Do you see the church as a family? Why or why not? How can you grow in your brother/sister relationships with the members of the church and of your life group?
- John described himself as a *partner* in the tribulation. Does this encourage you that the NT authors were partners in suffering?
- John was a partner in the *patient endurance* that is in Jesus. How can a community partner together in the patient endurance of Jesus? Has a brother or sister in Christ ever helped you endure and make it through a difficult situation?
- John's vision occurred on the Lord's Day. Pastor Scott noted that the church has always gathered on the Lord's Day. In our fast-paced world, many people have neglected gathering on Sundays. Why is it important to keep Sunday worship as one of the highest priorities in your life? What tends to get in the way of going to church? How can you prioritize Sunday worship?
- The vision of Jesus highlighted his robe, his hair, his eyes, his feet, his voice, his right hand, his mouth, and his face. Which of these descriptions shocked you the most? What did you learn about Jesus in this part of the sermon?
- The whole picture of Jesus is meant to terrify us. John fell as though he were dead. How did you respond to this vision of Jesus?

