

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*  
Revelation 1:9-16.

**SMBC Family Devotion**

Week of January 24, 2021

\*Parents of K-5 kids: Please be sure to help your kids check out the Children's Ministry page on the website for a devotion and a fun activity this week.

\*Please continue the "News Fast" this week. I hope last week was a breath of fresh air for each of you.

**Before you begin:**

- Review as a family Bro. Jono's 5 points from Sunday night's message, "The Second Coming of Jesus Christ."
- Do you/we remember the imminent return of Christ as we should? How do we remember this as we should? What are some things we can do to constantly remind ourselves of His imminent return?
- Bro. Jono told us that at the outset of his message the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ happens in two stages: commencement and culmination. The commencement is the rapture of the church, and the culmination is the Lord's visible return to the earth. What must happen for the rapture to take place?

**Read the text:**

<sup>9</sup>I, John, <sup>[1]</sup>both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, <sup>11</sup>saying, <sup>[2]</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches <sup>[3]</sup>which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. <sup>14</sup>His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; <sup>15</sup>His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; <sup>16</sup>He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

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### **Discussion:**

1. The Apostle John was arrested in Ephesus for preaching Christ. Upon arrest he was to be killed, and tradition holds that he was miraculously preserved, which is how he ended up on Patmos, a prison/slave-labor island. Even though he was exiled and enslaved, John continued to do what three things:
  - a. Answers:
    - i. Encourage the church/churches. "...your brother and your companion..."
    - ii. Worship His Lord. "...in the Spirit on the Lord's Day..."
    - iii. Make Jesus known more and more. "What you see...write...and send..."
2. Who is the "*One* like the Son of Man?"
  - a. Answer: Jesus Christ. "Son of Man" was one of the Lord's favorite titles for Himself while on earth because it expressed His humanity. But Jesus' humanity will be overshadowed in His 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming by His triune glory.
3. What is the unique position of Jesus in relation to the seven lampstands and why is it important for us to remember this?
  - a. Answer: Jesus is "in the midst" of them. He is standing with them, among them. This is a great reminder that the Lord is with us as well. "Where two or three gather..."

### **Prayer:**

- Pray that the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ would grip yours and the entire church's heart...