

Revelation 1

The Risen Christ—John's Instructions

- Verses 1-8 about the main character (Jesus!)
- "*The **revelation of Jesus Christ***" (v.1)
- A **blessing** for reading, hearing, keeping the words of this prophecy (v. 3)
- Many **names of Jesus** is this book. First here in this chapter: who is, and who was and who is to come, the faithful witness, the Firstborn from the dead, the ruler over the kings of the earth, Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, The Almighty, The First and the Last
- "*He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him...*" (v. 7)
- John on the island of **Patmos** (imprisoned for preaching the gospel) In the **Spirit on the Lord's Day** (Sunday) Hears a loud voice "*I am..*"
- John told to write what he sees in this vision, and send it to the **seven churches in Asia**: Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea (literal churches, perhaps also church ages)
- John sees the One speaking standing in the middle of **seven lampstands** (lampstands are the seven churches, v. 20, Jesus' presence with the churches)
- John describes Jesus' **amazing appearance**: garment down to the feet, golden band around His chest, head and hair white like wool/snow, eyes like a flame of fire, feet like brass (as refined in a furnace), voice like "many waters", 7 stars in right hand, two-edged sword out of His mouth, face like the sun (the glorified Jesus! brass = judgment, eyes seem angry and fierce, very loud voice, 7 stars are 7 "angels of the 7 churches")
- John collapses at the sight, but Jesus tells him not to be afraid
- Jesus says "*I am...*" - "*...He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and Death.*"
- John told to write 1) **the things which ARE**, 2) **the things TO COME** - two divisions

