Revelation 1:9-16

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to really think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

* Day 1

Read: Revelation 1:9-16

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

**9**I, John,

your brother

and fellow partaker in the tribulation and kingdom

and perseverance

*which are* in Jesus,

was on the island called Patmos

because 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 *the sound* of a trumpet,

**11**saying, “Write in a book what you see, 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.” **1**

**2**Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me.

And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands;

**13**and in the middle of the lampstands *I saw* one like a son of man,

clothed in a robe reaching to the feet,

and girded across His chest with a golden sash.

**14**His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire.  **15**His feet *were* like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice *was* like the sound of many waters.

**16**In His right hand He held seven stars,

and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword;

and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.

1. What did John have in common with the recipients of this letter?
2. Why does John call himself brother and fellow partaker? What significance does this carry?
3. What is the tribulation, kingdom, perseverance John is referring to?
4. What does the phrase ‘*which are in Jesus’* mean?
5. Where and what is the island of Patmos? (Look it up in the back of a study bible, Bible dictionary, or Bible maps; What did you learn about this island?)
6. Why is John on the island?

* Day 2

Read: Revelation 1:9-16 again.

1. What is John considered to be experiencing in this passage?
2. What does, to be ‘in the Spirit’ mean? Is it a dream?
3. What/When is the Lord’s Day?
4. How can a voice sound like a trumpet? Whose voice is it?
5. Are there any commands in this passage? If so, what are they? What is their significance?
6. What are the seven churches, why the number seven, and what is special about them?

* Day 3

Read: Revelation 1:9-16 again.

1. What is the significance of the 7 golden lampstands?
2. Who is ‘the son of man’ mentioned in verse 13?
3. What is the biblical significance of the name “son of man”? How might Daniel 7 impact the significance of this title? (Also compare Hebrews 2:5-9 and Ps. 8:4-6).
4. What does this title, ‘Son of Man’, mean?
5. What are the descriptions of Jesus? Consider any Biblical significance to each description. Use scripture to support your answers?
6. What was John’s reaction to Christ’s appearing? Verse 17
7. What would you say is the main theme of this passage?
8. Describe this passage in 21 words or less.

In preparation for Sunday, pray that you would know, believe, and hope in the return of the Son of Man, Jesus. Pray you would see Jesus rightly for who he is as the Bible describes him.