

## B. John's Task

- i. Is this some kind of outline of the book?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. V19 is like the language in Daniel 10, with a modification.

*John's Revelation was not about some distant future set of events. It was about what began to unfold with the Ascension of Christ and the mission of the church.*

### LIVE THE STORY

*The following questions are designed for use in our Community Groups as an aid to growth in the Gospel and Community.*

- How does Scripture show that grace always makes a claim on our lives? What claims has it made on your life?
- What are the three things that John experientially shares with his audience? How do these three together challenge our thinking?
- How do we know that John was a faithful witness?
- How might the reference to the Lord's day be significant?
- What is the pattern in Rev. 1:10 & 12 that we might see repeated later in the book? Can you see any of those patterns elsewhere?
- What kind of person does John see when he looks? Explain.
- What are some of the aspects of Christ's ministry highlighted by His description Christ in this vision?
- How do verses 17-19 resemble Daniel's commission in Daniel 10-12? How should this and Rev. 1:1 inform our understanding of 1:19?
- Why is Christ's proclamation in 1:17-18 a comfort to John and to us?
- Discuss the paragraph just above this section of questions.

## The Revelation of Jesus Christ

### *Worship and Witness in a Winner-Takes-All World (2)*

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Text: Revelation 1:9-20

**Introduction:** *Grace always makes a claim on our lives.*

### I. John's Prophetic Calling (1:9-11)

- A. Brother and a sharer in three things which we inherit in Jesus.
  - i. The suffering (the affliction, the tribulation).
  - ii. The kingdom (the reign of Christ)
  - iii. The endurance (bearing up under)

*This suffering (affliction, tribulation) is not some future event but John's and the church's present experience.*

### B. John, the Expert Witness

- i. John is qualified as a faithful witness.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. John is on the Island of Patmos.

C. On the Lord's Day...

- i. This isn't merely about what day of the week it was.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. The Lord's Day was established by the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

D. John, the Prophetic Seer

- i. John was in the spirit and heard a loud voice like a trumpet.
  - a) Ezek. 3:12
  - b) Exo. 19:16, 19
  
- ii. This is the voice of YHWH.

**II. Jesus' Priestly Ministry (12-1:16)**

A. A Pattern: Heard > Saw

- i. This pattern will be repeated in Revelation.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. He hears the voice of God, and He turns to see a human.

B. A Priest

- i. One walking among the lampstands of the temple wearing this clothing was called a priest.
  - a) Zechariah 4
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b) The one lampstand is now seven lampstands.

- ii. "like a son of man" (Dan. 7:13)

C. His Priestly Garments

- i. The robe and sash are priestly garments
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. The hair on his head being white like wool (Dan. 7:9)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- iii. Eyes like a flaming fire (ref. Rev. 19:11-12)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- iv. Feet like bronze glowing in a furnace
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- v. The sharp 2-edged sword coming from his mouth
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- vi. His face shining like the sun *full force* (Judg. 5:31)

*Christ's priestly ministry aims to purify our worship and our witness.*

**III. Christ's Promise and John's Task (1:17-20)**

A. Christ's promise

- i. The One who makes the promise
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- ii. The promise

*We too will be raised and that nothing can overtake us which He does not ultimately rule over if we are faithful in our worship and witness.*