

Reedy Fork Baptist Church

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

BIBLE STUDY Theme:

“Guess Who Came to Church This Morning?”

SCRIPTURE – Revelation 1:9-20 (NIV)

⁹ I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet,

¹¹ which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea."

¹² I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands,

¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest.

¹⁴ The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire.

¹⁵ His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters.

¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last.

¹⁸ I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

¹⁹ "Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now and what will take place later.

²⁰ The mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand and of the seven golden lampstands is this: The seven stars are the angels[b] of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

I. Key Words:

- Easter Sunday
- Resurrection Sunday
- Exile

II. People, Places & Times:

- The Apostle John
- The Isle of Patmos

III. Background:

The book of Revelation was given to John, the beloved apostle, while he was in exile on the isle of Patmos.

IV. Make it happen:

1. Why is resurrection Sunday important to a believer and the Christian faith?

2. What tends to happen when a believer encounters persecution and suffering?

3. What does it mean when we say that our Lord is alive and from the dead?

4. What did the apostle John see in revelation 1:13 and what does that mean to us as individuals and the church?

5. What purpose does Christ have in coming to church today?

V. Follow the Spirit:

What will you do as a result of this lesson?
