SOMEONE LIKE A SON OF MAN

Revelation 1:9–20

Key Verses: 1:13–16

1. How does John describe our fellowship in Jesus? (9a; cf. Ac14:22; 2Ti3:12; 1Pe2:21) Where was he, why, and what does this mean? (9b; cf. 1:2; 6:9) What happened to him? (10a; cf. 4:2a; 17:3a; 21:10a) Why is the Spirit’s role important? (19:10b) What does the trumpet sound suggest? (10b) Find Patmos and the churches on a map (11).
2. In verse 12, what do the seven lampstands represent, and why “lampstands”? (20b) In verse 13, who did John see, and what does it mean that he is “among” the lampstands? (see also 2:1,5)
3. Read Daniel 7:1–13. Note how the “son of man” contrasts with the four beasts, and how he is similar to the Ancient of Days. What does this tell us about Jesus?
4. Read verses 13–16; compare with Daniel 10:5,6. Think about the symbolism of his: robe and golden sash; white hair and blazing eyes; feet like glowing bronze; voice like the sound of rushing waters (Eze43:2); mouth with a sword (2:12,16; Eph6:17; Heb4:12) and face shining like the sun. How does this illustrate the power and glory of Jesus?
5. Read verse 16a again; compare with 2:1. What do the seven starts represent (20), and what is the significance that Jesus is holding them in his right hand?
6. How did John respond to this vision, and why? (17a; Ex33:20) How did Jesus reassure him? (17b,18) What is the significance that he “placed his right hand on me”? From his words here, what further can we learn about Jesus? In verses 19,20 what else did he say to John, and why?