

**One Like a Son of Man—Revelation 1:9–20**

**Open It**

1. What do you think Jesus might have looked like as a man? Why?
2. When was a situation in which you sensed the presence of God? How did it make you feel?

**Revelation 1:9–20 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

<sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet

<sup>11</sup>saying, "Write what you see in a book 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."

<sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands,

<sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest.

<sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire,

<sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters.

<sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

<sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last,

<sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

<sup>19</sup>Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this.

<sup>20</sup>As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

**Explore It**

3. Why was John where he was when he received this revelation? (1:9)
4. What kind of voice did John hear in his vision? (1:10)
5. What did God's voice command John to do? (1:11)
6. When John turned around, what objects did he see? (1:12)
7. Whom did John observe standing behind him? (1:13)
8. How was the person "among the lampstands" dressed? (1:13)
9. What was the appearance of the one "like a son of man"? (1:14–16)
10. What was John's reaction to his supernatural visitor? (1:17)

11. Why did Jesus comfort and reassure John? How? (1:17–18)
12. What did Jesus tell John to do? (1:19)
13. How did Jesus interpret the meaning of the seven stars and golden lampstands? (1:20)

**Get It**

14. What do you make out of John’s reference to “the suffering ... that [is] ours in Jesus”?
15. What overall impression does this passage give you about Jesus Christ?
16. How difficult do you think it was for John to describe what he was seeing?

**Apply It**

17. In what situations this week will you need to strive for “patient endurance”? How can you do so?