# CrossRoads Community Church Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of May 29, 2022 "THE END IS IN SIGHT...A Study of the Book of Revelation" Part 4: "The Presentation of the End," Revelation 1: 9-11

**INTRODUCTION:** Before the Apostle John received his first vision in the book of Revelation, he was given a reaffirmation of God's sovereignty, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev. 1:8). That statement is repeated as John receives the instructions to write what he sees and send it to the seven churches in Asia. His encounter should challenge all of us in our relationship with Jesus Christ, namely are we aligned with His love and instruction?

### **KEY WORD:**

"REVELATION" - Original Word: ἀποκάλυψις (apokalupsis) - an unveiling, uncovering, revealing, revelation.

-is principally used of the *revelation* of Jesus Christ (the *Word*), especially a *particular* (*spiritual*) *manifestation* of Christ (His will) previously unknown to the extent of being "veiled, or covered").

# 1. ENCOURAGING THE SUFFERERS

"I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ,..." Revelation 1: 9

- Spiritual Partnership- 1 Peter 5:1
- Shared Persecution- James 5: 10-11
- Steady Perseverance- James 5: 7-9

## 2. ENCOUNTERING THE SAVIOR

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,..."

Revelation 1: 10

- Surrendered Reliance- Ephesians 5:18-20
- Supernatural Revelation- 2 Peter 1: 20-21
- Secure Recognition- Isaiah 45:21

### 3. EXPLAINING THE SITUATION

"...What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." Rev. 1:11b

- Personal Testimony- Galatians 2: 2-3
- Proclaimed Truth- Revelation 1:19

### CONCLUSION

Every time we pray, read the Scriptures, and worship, we are in a similar place to the Apostle John in Revelation chapter 1. We may not see Jesus' glorified state, and hear His physical voice, but we have the assurance of His presence. Are we honoring Him, even in the midst of our struggles? Are we humbling ourselves and listening to and obeying Him as He speaks to us through His Word? Let's be about our own "presentation" of His good news to those around us.