

60-Day New Testament Journey
Spoiler Alert: Jesus Wins! Leaders Tips
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Memorize

I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. – Revelation 1:8, NIV

Connect With Others

1. Just for fun, make a few predictions:

- a. This year’s American Idol winner: _____
- b. The next President of the United States: _____
- c. What you’ll be doing in 10 years: _____
- d. What the next big thing will be: _____

2. Describe a time when you spoiled a surprise for somebody. What were the circumstances? What motivated you to share this with them? How did you feel afterwards?

Commit to Growth

Read Revelation 1

1. Who wrote the book of Revelation and what were the circumstances that prompted the author to write it?

Revelation was written by the Apostle John, on the island of Patmos in the Aegean Sea, where John was exiled for preaching the gospel (v.9). He was an old man when he wrote this – probably in 90-95 AD. He wrote to encourage the church in the midst of persecution.

2. What are the meanings of the titles given to Jesus (v.5-6)? What three things does Jesus do for us?

Jesus is the faithful one, firstborn and ruler. He is coming again. He is God! And He loves us, has freed us and made us!

3. **Which of these three facts about Jesus are especially significant and helpful to you right now?**

Discuss the significance of question #2 and what these things mean to the members of your group.

4. **Read Revelation 1:12-18. What is the significance of Jesus' garments and physical description? What do these images suggest about Him?**

Robe and sash = wealth and royalty

Hair = white symbolizes wisdom

Eye and feet = fire symbolizes purity

Voice = rushing waters symbolizes power

Mouth = two edged sword symbolizes the Word

Face = brilliance symbolizes deity

5. **To believers suffering severely because of their faith, what aspects of this letter would be especially helpful and encouraging?**

Pastor Rick put it this way, "After the resurrection, Jesus is not in a manger anymore, He's on the Throne! He isn't in Galilee anymore - He's in heaven! He's not riding on a donkey anymore - He's in the clouds! He's not hanging on a cross anymore - He's standing in triumph! Doesn't that provide great hope!

6. **How will you personalize and pay forward the blessing of Revelation 1:3?**

Help them to grab hold of the phrases, "hear it" and "take it to heart". It's not enough to hear it. We must take it to heart (James 1:22).

Pray