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FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH
PROP 4500: REVELATION

Part II: Prologue

Illustration: The desire to know the future

JESUS – THE TRUE AUTHOR

While John the Apostle was the human author of Revelation, the truth is that in this case he was merely taking dictation from the true author: Jesus Christ (1:1).

John provides a description of Jesus in this opening chapter:

- “The faithful witness” (John 14:6, John 18:37)

- “The firstborn of the dead”

- “The ruler of kings on earth”

- “One like the son of man”

- Jesus' physical appearance (v.12-16)

SETTING

- Why was John on Patmos? (v.9)
 - While we are blessed with freedom of religion in this nation today, this is not the case in many places on earth. Might we be seeing an erosion of this freedom in the US and the western world in general today?
- The vision John receives comes on the Lord's Day (v. 10), which was Sunday. The church choose to meet on this day rather than on Saturday, the Sabbath observed by the Jewish people. Why did the church choose to meet on Sunday?
 - While John was worshipping, so were his brothers and sisters back in Ephesus as well as in the other churches throughout Asia and Palestine. What might they have been doing for one another at this time?

