**Early Morning Bible Study January 19-March 2, 2022**

 ***Overcoming: Jesus’ Challenge to His Church—7 Communities of Revelation Lesson 1***

 **The Supremacy of Jesus Revelation 1**

 **“*These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands.” Revelation 2:1***

1. **Prophetic Blessing Revelation 1:1-3**
2. **Promised Coming Revelation 1:4-8**
3. **Personal Appearing Revelation 1:9-20**

**Questions for Conversation**

1. Verse 3 promises blessing to those who read, hear and take to heart the words of this prophecy. For what blessing(s) would you ask God as you begin this study? What obedience is called for?
2. Verses 4 through 6 describe God the Father, God the Holy Spirit and God the Son, the Lord Jesus. As you read those descriptive phrases about the Trinity, and especially about Jesus, which one is especially meaningful to you right now, and causes you to praise and give thanks?
3. The second coming of Christ is pictured in verse 7. Why do “all peoples of the earth mourn?” What part of this description surprises you? Which part is encouraging?
4. John had a stunning experience of the glorified Christ. Which part of this description is most thrilling or strengthening to you today?
5. Why is a lampstand Jesus’ picture of a local church? Read Matthew 5:14. What challenge do you receive from this image?
6. What is the impression or thought you take away from this beginning to the book of Revelation?

Next week: January 26— Living in Love for Jesus—Ephesus and Smyrna—Revelation 2:1-11