

## KNOWING MORE ABOUT JESUS CHRIST

### INTRODUCTION:

Revelation is a book that unites the prophecies of the Old and New Testaments, but it gives the reader more than events that will happen in the future; it makes certain that the focus of these events is on Jesus Christ. Knowing Him is far more important than knowing what will happen in the future. Prophecy is not an end in itself; the spirit of prophecy is to tell us about Jesus Christ (Rev 19:10). Much is said about the humanity of Jesus Christ in the Gospels, but Revelation will tell us much about the deity of Jesus Christ. The first chapter of Revelation will prepare us for the glory that will be revealed in the rest of the book. John knew Jesus as a man, but when he saw Him in His glory, he fell at his feet as dead (1:17).

### AIM OF THE LESSON:

Impress the students with the glory of Jesus Christ so they will worship Him as their Lord and God. When Thomas saw that Jesus was alive after His crucifixion, he cried out, "My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28).

**OUTLINE OF THE LESSON** (use the Study Notes to add to this lesson plan as the Spirit leads you):

### I. THE ATTRIBUTES OF JESUS CHRIST

**A. He is the Faithful Witness – 1:5.** He told us the truth through His disciples. He told everything that His Father told Him (Rev 1:1; Jn 15:15). He told the people of Nazareth the truth, but they hated Him and His witness (Lk 4:16-30). We must not be like those people. We should be thankful that Jesus has told us the truth about us, so we can change.

**B. He is the first begotten from the dead – 1:5. This means** He was the first One to be raised from the dead and remain alive forevermore (Acts 13:33-34). When we receive Him as Savior, we live because He lives.

**C. He is the Prince of the kings of the earth –1:5.** He is the King of kings and the Lord of lords (Rev 17:14; 19:16). We should worship Him and give Him gifts like the wise men did when He was a young child (Mt 2:11; Zech 14:9-19).

**D. He loved us – 1:5-6.** Christ showed His love by dying on the cross for our sins. We broke His laws and deserved His punishment in Hell, but when He died, He took the penalty for our sins. That made it possible for Him to redeem us to God so we can reign with Him in His Kingdom (5:9). His act of love made it possible for you to be a child of God and be treated better than the angels. He showed His love to you, so how can you show your love to Him? First, you can believe what He did for you on the cross and then receive Him as your Savior. Second, you should tell others what He has done for you and let them know what He will do for them. Third, obey what He tells you to do in the Bible.

**E. He is the Judge of the unsaved people – 1:7.** His coming will make the unsaved wail, because they know that He is come to punish them for their sins (Rev 6:15-17). It is a fearful thing to stand before the Judge that knows all that you have done. But you do not need to be afraid, if you have received Him as your Savior and sincerely love Him.

**F. He is the first and the last – 1:17.** Christ is the first because He is from eternity past. Christ is the last because He is eternal; He will never pass away. We, who trust in His sacrifice for our sins, will live with Him forever and ever.

**G. He lives, was dead and is alive forevermore – 1:18.** He lives continually as the Son of God, but He died once as the Son of Man to pay the penalty for our sins (Heb 10:12). He died, but He was physically resurrected to live forever. Trust His work on the cross to save you from your sins; do not trust in any of your works or you will not be saved.

**H. He has the keys of death and Hades – 1:18.** His keys give Him the authority over death and the place of the dead. He wrestled from Satan the power of death and Hades by His death on the cross (Heb 2:14). Jesus has the keys to open the door of the grave when you die and bring you to Heaven. Do you believe that?

### II. THE APPEARANCE OF JESUS CHRIST

**A. His hair is white as snow – 1:14.** His white hair could refer to His wisdom. In Bible times a person with white hair was considered wise because he had gained it over his long life. Since Christ is eternal, He is very wise. **Do you depend on His wisdom? Read the Bible and you will learn things that will make you wise.**

**B. His eyes were as a flame of fire – 1:14.** He sees all things with His eyes, even the hidden things in our hearts (Heb 4:13), so He is the perfect judge. He will purge all sin that He sees by fire. We must confess all known sin to escape His fiery judgment.

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**C. His feet were like brilliant brass (bronze) – 1:15.** Brass symbolizes judgment in the Bible. Christ will trample with His feet those that rebel against Him (Rev 2:18, 20-23; Isa 63:1-6 He is the victorious Warrior). Do not think for one minute that you will get away with your sins. It is a fearful thing to sin against God's laws.

**D. His voice was like the sound of many waters – 1:15.** His voice is like a mighty waterfall; it cannot be ignored. Someday all people will listen to what He says and will confess that He is Lord (Phil 2:9-11), but for those who did not listen to Him on earth, it will be too late. They will be cast into the Lake of Fire (Rev 20:11-15; 21:8).

**E. He had seven stars (pastors) in His right hand – 1:16, 20.** He has authority over the pastors. They must give an account to Him for the doctrines they teach and for the deeds done in His churches (Heb 13:17). Obey your pastor when he teaches you what God says in the Bible. Read the Bible as he teaches you and do what it says.

**F. A sword with two edges came out of His mouth – 1:16.** His words are like a sword to judge the sins of believers and unbelievers (Rev 2:12, 14-16; Rev 19:15, 21; cf Isa 49:2). Hate sin and run from it when tempted by it. Do not force Christ to use His sword on you.

**G. His face was as the sun in full strength – 1:16.** The brightness of His face symbolizes the true beauty of His holiness. Three of His disciples saw it for a moment on the mount of transfiguration (Mt 17:2). Sin is a blot on your face, but holiness is beautiful on His face. Seek to make your face beautiful by living a holy life like Jesus.

It is important for churches to know that Jesus is the Lord of the churches and He will examine His churches to praise them or punish them according to their deeds. He will reward faithful believers with desirable positions in His Millennial Kingdom, but unfaithful believers will lose their reward when He tests their works by fire (1 Cor 3:11-15). They will be saved, but their works will be burned up so they are unable to receive a reward.

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