

General Church Education



New Church Day: The Lord Is King

Revelation 4:1-22; 19:11-21

Lesson 36

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Level 5: The Lord Is King of Kings

For ages 10-11

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Teacher Background

The Lord charged His twelve disciples to go out into the world and preach the Gospel. The disciple John remained in Jerusalem and became a leader in the Christian Church. He refused to leave when the Romans outlawed Christianity and was exiled to the Isle of Patmos. There, he saw amazing visions. These are written down in the book of Revelation. In one vision he saw the Lord on a throne with twenty four elders around Him. In another, he saw the Book of Life sealed with seven seals. As each seal was opened he saw how people would be judged after death. Then he saw the Lord as the King of Kings riding a magnificent white horse. He and His angels conquered the forces of evil.

These fascinating scenes may disturb children, however they tell of the coming of the New Church. The picture of the Lord as a King sitting on a throne and judging pictures the Lord as our judge . He alone judges each person as they come into the spiritual world. The Lord's leading of His angel army is a powerful illustration of His powerful and continuing protection of the human race.

Focus Points

- The disciple John saw visions about the Lord's revelation for the New Church.
- These visions pictured the Lord as King.
- The Lord invites us to worship Him and proclaim that "the Lord God Jesus Christ Reigns".

Readings from the Writings

"King of kings is said of the name upon His garments, and Lord of lords of the name upon the thigh, for garment means truth, here Divine Truth, because the Lord is meant, and thigh means good, here the Divine Good of Divine Love." *Apocalypse Explained* 685

"The diadems on the Lord's head and the name by which no one but He knows mean the Divine truths in the Word which come from Him, and that no one sees what the Word is like in its spiritual sense except the Lord and those to whom He reveals it. A garment dyed in blood means the natural sense of the Word, that is, the literal sense, to which violence was done." *True Christian Religion* 196

People who have faith are judged from good, but those who do not have it are judged from truth. Good is the Lord's, and those who acknowledge this in life and faith are the Lord's, UPLand are therefore saved; Those who do not acknowledge it in life, nor in faith, cannot be the Lord's nor thus be saved. They are judged therefore according to the actions done in their life and according to their thoughts and ends in view." See *Arcana Coelestia* 2335.2

Teacher Activity Overview

The lesson offers students the following choices:

Recitation

Learn the Lord's Word by heart.

“The Lord God Jesus Christ reigns,
Whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages.” (*True Christian Religion* 791)

Projects and Activities (see back for answers)

Choose one or two.

Multiple Choice

Circle the answer.

The Names of the Lord

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Additional Project and Activity Choices for Parents and Teachers

The Four Living Creatures Around the Throne Mobile

Create a mobile of the four living creatures around the throne. Print pages on stiff paper, color and cut out. Make a mobile by punching a hole in the top of each picture, adding string and hanging to a hanger or dowel. Online at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/file/project-the-four-living-creatures-around-the-throne-mobile-revelation4.pdf>

Discussion: New Church Day Traditions

New Church Day is a celebration of the spiritual birth of the New Church on June 19, 1770. Does your family have any traditions for celebrating New Church Day? If not, what might you like to do in future? For example, what foods might you eat? What color clothes might you wear? What might you do?

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Vocabulary

banished—to send someone away from a country as a punishment

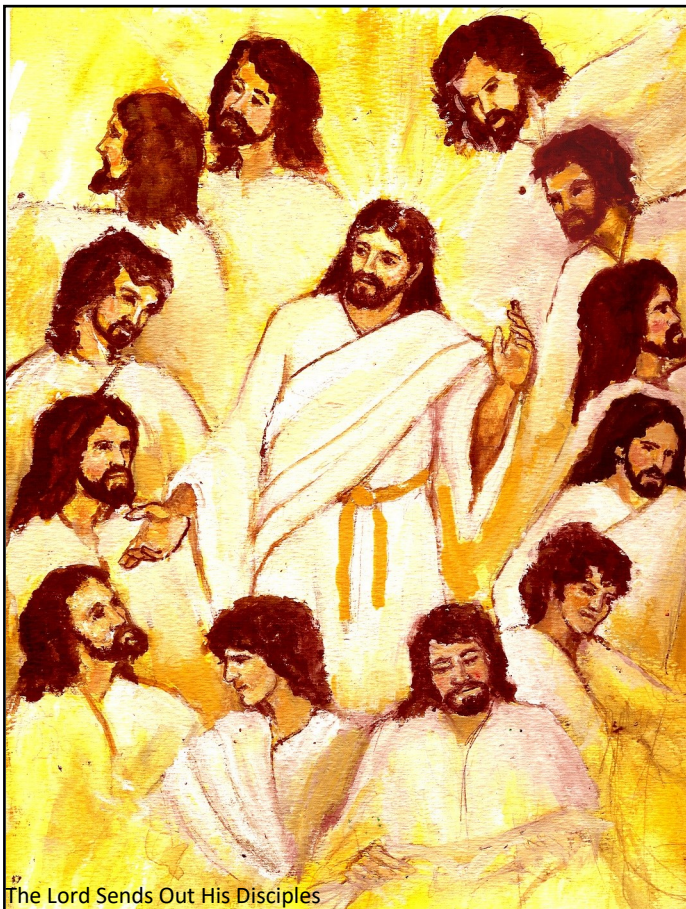
decreed—to order something

responsible for—have full control over (their choice to do good or evil)

The Disciple John

While the Lord was on earth He chose twelve men to help Him with His work. These men were called His disciples. The Word mentions some of the often. The disciple John who especially loved the Lord is one of these. He is sometimes called the “beloved disciple”. John sat next to the Lord at the Last Supper and laid his head on Jesus’ breast.

After His resurrection the Lord met with His disciples. He spoke with them about many things. Then he told them to go out and continue His work.



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The Lord Sends Out His Disciples

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:15,16)

John took these words to heart. He stayed in Jerusalem and became a leader in the Christian Church.

Eventually, the Jewish leaders drove the Christians out of Jerusalem. John went to Asia Minor, or modern day Turkey. He began to spread the good news about Christianity among the people in towns and cities there. However, the Roman Emperor were afraid that the Christians were becoming powerful, and decreed that if Christians did not stop worshipping Jesus Christ they would be banished from Roman lands.

John on the Isle of Patmos

John remained faithful and refused to obey this decree, so he was sent to Patmos, an island in the Aegean Sea. The Heavenly Doctrines tell us that the Lord led him there for a special purpose. John would finish the New Testament by writing the Book of Revelation. To do this, the Lord gave him the gift of seeing into the spiritual world. He saw incredible places, beasts, people and events. Some visions were good and some were evil. Each vision contained a message about the second coming of the Lord and a new revelation for the New Church. Much later, the Lord allowed Emanuel Swedenborg to see into the spiritual world. While John did not know the meaning of the things he saw and heard, Swedenborg learned all about them.

The Lord on His Throne

In one vision John saw the Lord sitting on a throne in a judgment hall. It was a wonderful room. The throne was so beautiful that John found it hard to describe. It was surrounded by a green rainbow. The Lord's face shone like the sun.

Twenty-four elders sat around the throne. They also sat on thrones and wore crowns. Four living creatures praised the Lord. Every time the beasts gave praise, the twenty-four elders threw down their crowns before the throne saying,



“You are worthy O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For you created all things, and by Your will they exist and were created.” (Revelation 4:11)

The Book of Life

The Lord held a scroll sealed with seven seals. This scroll was the book of life. No person could open this book.

We all have a book of life which contains the actions, thoughts and feelings of our life on earth. Only the Lord could open the book. He sees and knows everything about everyone who has ever lived. He will show us what is in our book of life when we reach the spiritual world if we need to see it. However, in the next life the reasons behind our actions will be judged. How we think and feel on the inside will determine our

spiritual home.

As John watched events the Lamb of God, the Lord, opened the seven seals of the scroll. As He broke each seal, amazing visions appeared. Each one showed how after death, the Lord would separate people who loved Him and obeyed His commandments from those who chose to do evil things. When the final seal was broken, the good could be saved and the evil were judged. Terrible things happened because they could not stand to be near goodness. The loves they had chosen in the world cut them off from heaven and heavenly joy.



When the judgement ended John looked up into heaven and saw the Lord on a white horse. An army of angels on white horses followed Him. John knew it was the Lord because on His clothes and on His thigh was written, “King of Kings, and Lord of Lords”. (Revelation 19:16)

The Lord on the White Horse

Then a huge battle took place. The Lord and His angel army conquered evil kings, beasts and a dragon. It must have been awesome for John to see this! Throughout history kings have fought to preserve laws, to protect people’s freedom and to provide for their needs. A good king wants people to be safe and happy. In John’s vision the Lord was fighting for people’s freedom to choose goodness, for their safety from the hells and for their eternal happiness. This is a battle He fights for everyone, but He will not force people to choose His path.

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Choosing the Lord as Our King

It takes many years of learning for a person to choose whether to accept the Lord as their king. Only adults are responsible for their choices. Every person’s thoughts and feelings, their book of life, are constantly before Him. As John saw, the Lord is the wise King on the throne, the gentle Lamb who opened the seals and the mighty warrior leading the angels into battle. He invites us to choose Him as our ruler and to recognize,

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Activity Overview

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1. The Lord's twelve disciples...
 - a. were men that the Lord chose to help Him with his work.
 - b. carried on His work after His death.
 - c. sat around a throne that John saw in the spiritual world.

2. The disciple John went to the isle of Patmos because...
 - a. he was a Christian and therefore the Roman emperor banished him.
 - b. the Lord needed him to write the Book of Revelation.
 - c. he needed to be far away from people to see visions.

3. The disciple John saw many visions in the spiritual world...
 - a. but he did not know what they meant.
 - b. and he wrote them down in the book of Revelation.
 - c. and knew their meaning.

4. One of John's visions was about the Lord sitting on a throne...
 - a. in a judgment hall.
 - b. around which a beautiful green rainbow appeared.
 - c. around which twelve elders sat wearing crowns.

5. The Lord was holding...
 - a. a scroll which was the book of life.
 - b. the lamb of God.
 - c. a scroll that nobody could open.

6. When the Lord opened each seal on the scroll...
 - a. people were judged.
 - b. something amazing happened.
 - c. good people were separated from evil people.

7. When all the seals were open, John looked up to heaven and saw...
 - a. a woman clothed with the sun.
 - b. the Lord on a white horse.
 - c. the Lord's army fighting against evil.

The Names of the Lord

The book of Revelation uses many names for the Lord. These names show His many loving and wise qualities. Use the box and references from the book of Revelation to list all nine names.

FAITHFUL	LORD	ALMIGHTY
WORD	KING	GOD
KING	GREAT	LORD
GOD	TRUE	ROOT
LION	LORD	DAVID
LAMB	TRIBE	JUDAH
GOD		

1. _____ (Revelation 4:8)
2. _____ of the _____ of _____ (Revelation 5:5)
3. _____ of _____ (Revelation 5:5)
4. _____ (Revelation 5:12)
5. _____ and _____ (Revelation 19:11)
6. _____ of _____ (Revelation 19:13)
7. _____ of _____ (Revelation 19:16)
8. _____ of _____ (Revelation 19:16)
- _____ (Revelation 19:17)

Which name do you like best? _____

Why? _____

Answers

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Multiple Choice

1. a, 2. a, 3. a, 4. c, 5. a, 6. b, 7. a, 8. c.

Names of the Lord

1. Lord God Almighty, 2. Lion of the Tribe of Judah, 3. Root of David, 4. Lamb, 5. Faithful and True, 6. Word of God, 7. King of Kings, 8. Lord of Lords, 9. Great God.