

The Revelation of Jesus Christ

(God's True Story)

Pre-Session Warm Up

All of the books in the Bible tell us about Jesus. In the Old Testament, He was the promised Savior. In the New Testament, we saw Jesus leave heaven to come as a baby and be born in Bethlehem. We saw Him teaching, preaching, and healing. We saw Him dead on the cross, buried in the tomb, and alive after His resurrection. We even saw Him ascend into heaven. When He left, Jesus promised that one day He would come again (John 14:3).

When that happens, we'll see Jesus as we've never seen Him before; we'll see Him as "*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*" (Revelation 19:16).

Opening Prayer

Father, You promised that You will come back to earth someday. I pray that this morning we will get even a small vision of Your glory, just to get us excited for that day that You will return to take us to Heaven where we will see you face-to-face and live with You forever. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Memory Verse:

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable (2 Timothy 3:16)

Lesson

The last book in our Bible is called *The Revelation of Jesus Christ*. It tells about events that will occur in the future when Jesus comes back to earth for the second time. We call this book "*Revelation*" because it reveals or uncovers things known only to God.

Revelation was written by the apostle John. John wrote four other books in the New Testament, one gospel and three letters. John was in prison for preaching the gospel. But it wasn't an ordinary prison.

John was being held on an island—the island of Patmos (Revelation 1:9). While he was there, God showed John many things. Those things are written for us in the Book of Revelation.

In this book the Lord Jesus speaks to the apostle John. As John writes, we learn more about what Jesus is like. We see His great power. And we discover some of the amazing things that will happen in the future. Because Revelation describes events before they happen, it is called a book of prophecy.

The Judge Punishes Sin

Revelation tells about the terrible events that will happen to the earth and to the people alive during the terrible time of tribulation, or trouble, that God will send (Revelation 6:14-17). You and I don't have to be afraid of those days, for the Lord has promised to deliver us if we've believed and received Him as our Savior (1 Thessalonians 1:10). God will punish evil and reward His faithful servants.

The Conqueror Binds Satan Forever

In Revelation, Jesus shows Himself as the conquering "*King of Kings and Lord of Lords*" (Revelation 19:16). And in the end, Jesus wins the final battle with the Devil and casts him into the "*lake of fire and brimstone*" (20:10).

The Book of Life is Opened

After that, the "Book of Life" is opened. All those whose names are not found written in this book are also cast into the lake of fire (Revelation 20:15). What about you? Will your name be in the "Book of Life"? It is written there if you've accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior.

If you've never asked Jesus to be your Savior, you can do that right now. Simply tell Him you know that you are a sinner (Romans 3:23) and that you deserve to be punished (Romans 6:23). Tell Jesus you believe He died on the cross to take the punishment for your sin (1 Corinthians 15:3). Call on Him and He will save you (Romans 10:13). When you do, your name will be written in the "Lamb's Book of Life" (Revelation 13:8; 21:27), and you will be assured of living forever with God.

The Lord Welcomes His Bride

In the last two chapters of the Bible we see Jesus pictured as the Bridegroom (Revelation 21:2, 3) who welcomes His bride—the church that He loves—into the beautiful home He has prepared for us. The description of heaven is wonderful. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and once Jesus wipes away our tears, we'll never cry again. We'll never be sad ever again! There will be no more pain and there will be no more death. But the best thing about it is that we will be forever in the presence of the One person the whole Bible is about—the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible—God's Special Message to You

The Bible is no ordinary book. It is God's Word, written especially for you and me. In the very beginning of this book, God promises to send a Savior who will take away our sin (Genesis 3:15). In the very end, we see what it will be like for those of us who have accepted His gift of salvation. We'll be able to be with Him forever and ever and ever.

Are you looking forward to His return?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You so much for giving us this wonderful book we call the Bible. Thank You for inspiring the men of old to write down Your very thoughts and desires for us. Thank You for making sure that it has been kept safe for us all these years. Thank You that we can read it and hear Your voice speaking into our hearts. You haven't kept us clueless about how to live a life that is well-pleasing to You. I pray that we will always treasure Your word in our hearts. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Learning Activities

Craft Corner

Game Center

1. Which books are called *The Gospels*? (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).
2. Which book tells the history of the early church? (Acts.)
3. Which letters did Paul write to the church at Corinth? (1 Corinthians and 2 Corinthians)
4. Which letter was written to the churches of Galatia? (Galatians)
5. Which letter went to the church at Ephesus? (Ephesians)
6. How many letters did Paul write to the church at Thessalonica? (2)
7. How many authors wrote the last 7 letters in the New Testament? (4)
8. Why can we refer to the last book in the Bible as the "Projection Room"?
9. What does the book of Revelation tell us about?