In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 39
Jesus: Returning King

Themes:

- Jesus' resurrection is proof that the new covenant has been fulfilled and accomplishes what it promises.
- Jesus fulfills the Old Testament clues concerning the throne of David.
- Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the throne in heaven.
- Jesus will someday return to this earth as the triumphant and reigning King.

Scripture:

John 11:25; 12:12-15; Luke 1:32-33; Hebrews 8:1; Matthew 25:31

Memory Verse:

Review John 1:1-18

Jesus Fulfilled These Old Testament Clues:

KING ON A DONKEY, DAVID'S EVERLASTING THRONE

Home and Heart:

Why is it difficult for some people to believe Jesus is now in heaven reigning as King? What do you see in the world and your own life that make this hard to understand and believe? Read and discuss Romans 8:18-25. What "groaning" do we see? Should this surprise us? Does God know about it? Is it part of His plan? What has yet to be revealed? Define hope and then compare your definition with Hebrews 11:1. Do you have this? If not, have you asked Jesus for faith to believe what you haven't yet seen?

Read Revelation 19:11-16. Who is the Rider? How is Jesus different from what He was like at His first coming? Compare these verses to Philippians 2:7-11. Will everyone acknowledge Jesus when He returns to earth? Will everyone be glad to see Him? Why not? Who will be happy? Who will be terrified? Compare these reactions using 1 Peter 1:8-9 and Revelation 16:15-17. Are you looking forward to His return?

Even though we can't yet SEE Jesus on His throne, He is reigning in the heart of everyone who trusts Him. If you are a Christian, you EXPERIENCE Jesus' reign because you understand He is ruling over your life, family, church, and everyone in the world. What does Jesus' rule look like in a person's life? Would someone talking with you know Jesus is reigning in your life? Read Matthew 25:31-34, 41, 46. What are the two judgments Jesus will give when He returns? What will decide whether He sends someone to heaven or hell? (Read John 3:16-17.) Are you trusting in Jesus alone for your salvation? Are you confident that you will be welcomed into His kingdom?



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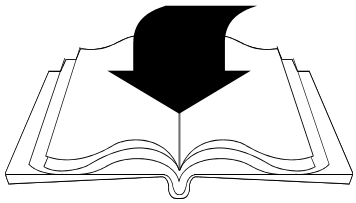

REVELATION

Revelation is the last book of the Bible. Although it is very difficult to understand, there are key passages that give us a picture of Jesus' return and His reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. One of the most beautiful pictures in this book is in chapter 7, verses 9-17. This week, read this passage, and then color and decorate the picture of the throne, crown, and banner below to make it as beautiful as possible—recognizing that Jesus' real throne will be more amazing and awesome than you could ever imagine!

