

Praise is the keynote of Revelation chapters 4 and 5. In Revelation 4 the Lord is worshipped for He is the *CREATOR*. In Revelation 5 the Lord is worshipped for He is the *REDEEMER*. In chapter 4 we find the Song of Creation. In chapter 5 we find the Song of Redemption. These chapters reach their climax when Jesus Christ, the Lion and the Lamb, steps up to the throne to take the seven-sealed scroll. All heaven praised Him when He took the "last will and testament" which concerns our salvation and judgement. (Revelation 5:7-14.) Before we read further chapters of Revelation we will survey what this "revelation of Jesus Christ" says about our Lord.

JESUS IS WORSHIPPED—REVELATION 5:14



Q1 **What do the cherubim of heaven do as they praise Jesus Christ?** Revelation 5:14

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Only God is to receive *WORSHIP*. Jesus Christ said, "For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Matthew 4:10. The Greek word for worship in this verse is the same as that used in the verses that speak of our Lord accepting worship. (See Matthew 2:11; 14:33; 28:9,17; Luke 24:51,52.) It is clear from the New Testament that Jesus Christ accepted worship. However, in the last chapters of Revelation, John bowed to worship at the feet of an angel. The angel, a created being, refused to accept worship, declaring, "Do not do it! I am a fellow-servant with you and with your brothers who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God!" Revelation 19:10. (Compare Revelation 22:9.) Angels refused worship. Jesus Christ accepted worship.

Q2 **What name is Jesus given in Revelation 19:13?**

A

Jesus is God for Jesus Christ is the Word and the Word is God. (See John 1:1-3,14. Also read John 20:28; Romans 9:5 and Hebrews 1:8.)

Q3 **What does Jesus, the Alpha and Omega (Revelation 22:12,13), call Himself?** Revelation 1:8

A

Jesus is the Almighty. He is the eternal God. He existed prior to His coming to this earth. (Also read Isaiah 9:6; John 1:2; 17:5; Philippians 2:5-8 and Revelation 1:17, 18.)

Q4 **How did Jesus introduce Himself to the church at Laodicea? Revelation 3:14**

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Jesus is the Creator. "Through him all things were made." John 1:3. (Also see 1 Corinthians 8:6; Colossians 1:15-17 and Hebrews 1:1,2.) In Revelation 14:7 we are admonished to worship the Creator. We read, "Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water." Revelation 14:7. Jesus Christ is worshipped, for He is God, One with the Father, the Almighty and Eternal One. He is worshipped for He is Creator. And, He is worshipped with the Father and Holy Spirit, for He is our Redeemer.■

JESUS IS OUR SAVIOUR—REVELATION 5:9

Revelation tells us of the wonderful things Jesus Christ has done for our salvation. It also reveals both what He is doing and is going to do for us.

1 Jesus – became a Man



Q5 **Revelation refers to Jesus' birth and humanity. What details in Revelation 12:5 reveal that the child, whose birth is described, was Jesus?** Revelation 12:1-5

A "She gave birth to _____ ,
who will _____ .
And her child was _____ ."

In order to save us Jesus Christ became a human being. He is called "a son of man" (Revelation 1:13; 14:14) and "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" (Revelation 5:5.) He had to become a human being for as God He could not die. "Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death - that is, the devil." Hebrews 2:14. "Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!" Philippians 2:5-8.

After the rebellion of Adam and Eve the promise was given that a Deliverer would be born. (Genesis 3:15.) It was prophesied that His would be a miracle birth and that He would be born in Bethlehem. (Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2.) The virgin birth of Jesus was a miracle. (Matthew 1:18-25.) A census decreed in the Roman Province governed by Quirinius made it necessary for Joseph and Mary to register at Bethlehem. Our Saviour Jesus was born during that visit. (Matthew 2:1-12.) **To save us Jesus became a human being.**▣

2 Jesus – sinless by nature



Q6 **What statement by one of the twenty-four elders reveals that Jesus lived a sinless life?** Revelation 5:5

A

Q7 **What title given to Jesus reveals that He lived a sinless life?** Revelation 5:6

A

The symbolism of the lamb comes from the Old Testament. Lambs were offered as sacrifice for the sins of the people. They were to be "without defect." Leviticus 4:32. (See John 1:29.) To save us Jesus Christ had to be "him who is holy and true." Revelation 3:7. He did not break any of the Ten commandments of God. "He committed no sin," (1 Peter 2:22) He "had no sin," (2 Corinthians 5:21) He "knew no sin," (2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV) and "in Him is no sin." 1 John 3:5. If He had sinned, Jesus would have been condemned and would have been unable to die as a substitute for us. **To save us Jesus Christ had to be both sinless by nature and live a sinless life.** The Father could accept nothing less than perfection.▣

3 Jesus – baptised & anointed

When Jesus arrived at the Jordan River and asked John the Baptist to baptise Him, John declared, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29. From the beginning of His ministry Jesus was declared to be the Lamb of God.



Q8 **What title is Jesus given in the first verse of Revelation?** Revelation 1:1

A

Christ" is the Greek word for the Hebrew word "Messiah." Both mean *ANOINTED*. (See John 1:41.) The anointing of Jesus took place at His baptism "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" when Jesus "was about thirty years old." Luke 3:1,21-23. Jesus was anointed

with the Holy Spirit and power at His baptism. (Acts 10:37,38.) The amazing prophecy of the ninth chapter of Daniel actually identified the time when the Saviour would arrive and be anointed. Jesus was called Christ only after His baptism. **To save us Jesus had to be the appointed and anointed Saviour.** He had to be acceptable to God in character and nature. He had to be equal to the Father and equal to the law that sinners had broken. In at least 47 New Testament verses Jesus is referred to as "Christ Jesus" which means anointed Saviour.

4 Jesus – was crucified

The symbol of the Lamb not only draws attention to the sinless life and the baptism of Jesus Christ. It also portrays His sacrifice for us.



Q9 **What was the experience of the Lamb that John saw in the symbolism of his vision?** Revelation 5:6

A

Jesus Christ is referred to as the Lamb 28 times in the Greek text of Revelation. The Lamb is central to all John saw. It is the most used title for our Saviour in the book.

Q10 **When was the sacrifice of Jesus Christ planned?** Revelation 13:8

A

During His ministry on earth Jesus Christ often revealed His advance knowledge of His approaching violent death. He knew "before the creation of the world." 1 Peter 1:20.

Q11 **What did the sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Lamb achieve?** Revelation 5:9

A

Jesus, the Lamb, was slain for the sins of His people. (Revelation 1:5; 12:11.) He "was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our

iniquities." Isaiah 53:5. (Also read 1 Peter 1:18-20.) The amazing prophecy of the ninth chapter of Daniel actually revealed the appointed time when our Saviour, Jesus the Lamb, would die. He died for us. **To save us Jesus had to die for us.**

5 Jesus – arose from the grave

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is good news for us.



Q12 **What does Jesus Christ "the firstborn from the dead," the resurrected One, hold that is important for us?** Revelation 1:18

A

Jesus "has triumphed" (Revelation 5:5) over Satan, death and the grave. This is very important, for, a dead person could not save anyone. Paul wrote, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." 1 Corinthians 15:17. The gospel is not speculation. The good news is that we have a risen, living Saviour. (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-5.) **To save us Jesus Christ had to rise from death and the grave.**

6 Jesus – ascended to heaven



Q13 **What happened to Jesus Christ when He had completed His ministry on earth?** Revelation 12:5

A

Forty days after His resurrection Jesus returned to heaven. While speaking with His disciples on the Mount of Olives "he was taken up before their very eyes." Acts 1:9. He ascended to sit down "at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven." Hebrews 8:1. The songs of praise in Revelation 4 and 5 were heaven's response to the triumph of Jesus Christ on earth. (See Revelation 12:10-12.)

7 Jesus – Priest, Judge & King



Q14 **What work does Jesus do for us before the throne of heaven?** Revelation 5:7,8

A

Q15 **What were the 24 elders holding?** Revelation 5:8

A

Jesus Christ is our High Priest. By His death, Jesus Christ opened the door to the throne room of heaven. He sets before believers "an open door that no one can shut." (See Revelation 3:8 and 4:1,2.) He has entered the "inner sanctuary behind the curtain" as our "great high priest" before "the throne of the Majesty in heaven." Hebrews 6:19; 4:14 and 8:1. He answers our prayers, and speaks and provides for us.

Jesus Christ is our King and Judge. Jesus Christ, "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" triumphed over Satan and death. (Revelation 5:5.) He opened the door to the throne of heaven and is worthy to take the books of salvation and judgement. His judgement and rule will be the subject of our study of some of the following chapters of Revelation.

Q16 **Jesus Christ's work as our High Priest will not last forever. One day it will end so that sin can be permanently removed from the universe. The end of Jesus' work as High Priest is described in Revelation 8:3-5. What was offered from a golden altar before the throne of God?** Revelation 8:3,4

A

In the Old Testament sanctuary there were two altars. The brass altar of sacrifice was in the courtyard. The golden altar of incense was before the veil before the throne. (Exodus 30:1-10.) Jesus our Lord opened the way to the throne for all believers. Prayer is our means of access to the throne. (See Psalm 141:2 and Hebrews 4:14-16.)

Q17 **What will eventually happen to the censer?** Revelation 8:5

A

In an awesome display the censer is hurled down. Access to the throne is thus ended. (Compare Revelation 15:8.) Intercession will cease and God will declare, "It is done!" Revelation 16:17. The day is coming when the door of access to God and mercy will close and Jesus will come. Salvation includes deliverance from not only the penalty and power of sin, but, also the presence of sin at the coming of Jesus Christ. **To save us, Jesus Christ must finish His work as our Priest and Judge.**

8 Jesus – is coming again!



Q18 **What message is a theme of Revelation?** Revelation 1:7. (Compare Revelation 22:7,12.)

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We will focus on the coming of Jesus during the next few seminars. **Jesus is coming for us.**

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Jesus Christ is our Saviour. "Salvation is found in no one else." Acts 4:12. The door to God's throne of forgiveness and salvation is still open. Prayerfully reconsider all Jesus Christ has done for you. What have been the implications of deciding to follow Jesus Christ and the Bible?

