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LESSON 3

THE LORD OF GLORY

SCRIPTURE FOR TEACHER: Revelation 1:1-20.

MEMORY VERSE: "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood"
Revelation 1:5b.

APPROACH: Would someone like to tell us what God's Trinity is? Now, would someone like to explain the meaning of the three parts of man's trinity? (*Review lesson 1, pages 5 and 7.*) This trinity shows man perfect. Is he that way now? No, something happened when sin came in. With sin came death and darkness, so we will turn the circle over to show the dark side. This is why the Lord Jesus wants to come into our hearts. He wants to give life and light to our soul and spirit. (*Point out soul and spirit circles on Page 9.*) God wants each of us to be like the trinity we see now. Are you like this?

PRESENTATION: Our faith plane is ready for another trip. (*Point out plane on Page 3.*) Today it takes us to an island called Patmos. This is a bare and rocky island where criminals were sent for punishment in the days of the Roman emperors. But the man we meet here is no criminal. He is John, the beloved disciple, who is here because of his love and faithfulness to the Lord Jesus. We knew him first as a young man in the Gospel according to John. Then the Lord Jesus was living on the earth, and John was always close to Him. Now John is an old man. Although the Lord Jesus has died, risen and gone back into heaven in His body, John is still close to Him.

It has been a long time since John has seen the Lord Jesus with his eyes, but today he hears Jesus speak and also sees Him. The Lord Jesus shows Himself to us too, for the angel tells John to write the things he sees and hears in a Book (Revelation 1:1). This Book is the Revelation of Jesus Christ. God gave it to Jesus, and Jesus gave it to John by His angel.



John starts out by writing letters to seven churches (Revelation 1:4). But he signs the name of the Lord Jesus (Revelation 1:5), for these letters are really from Him.

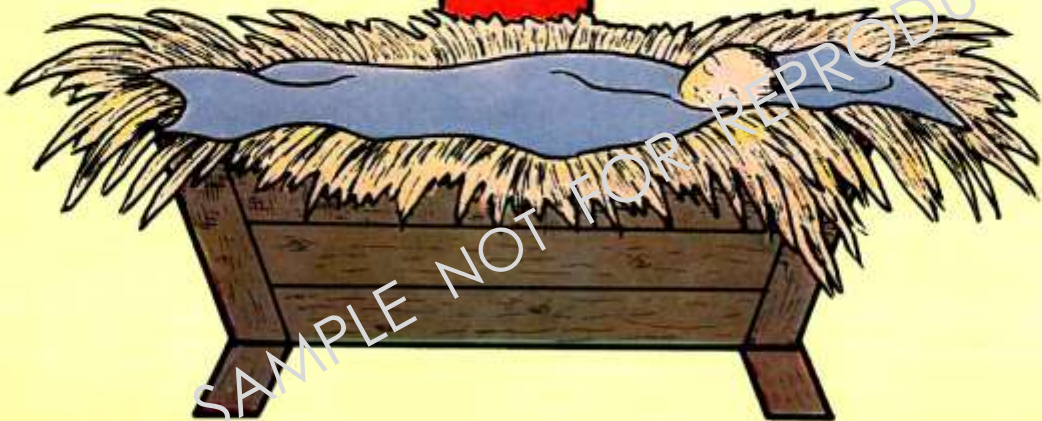
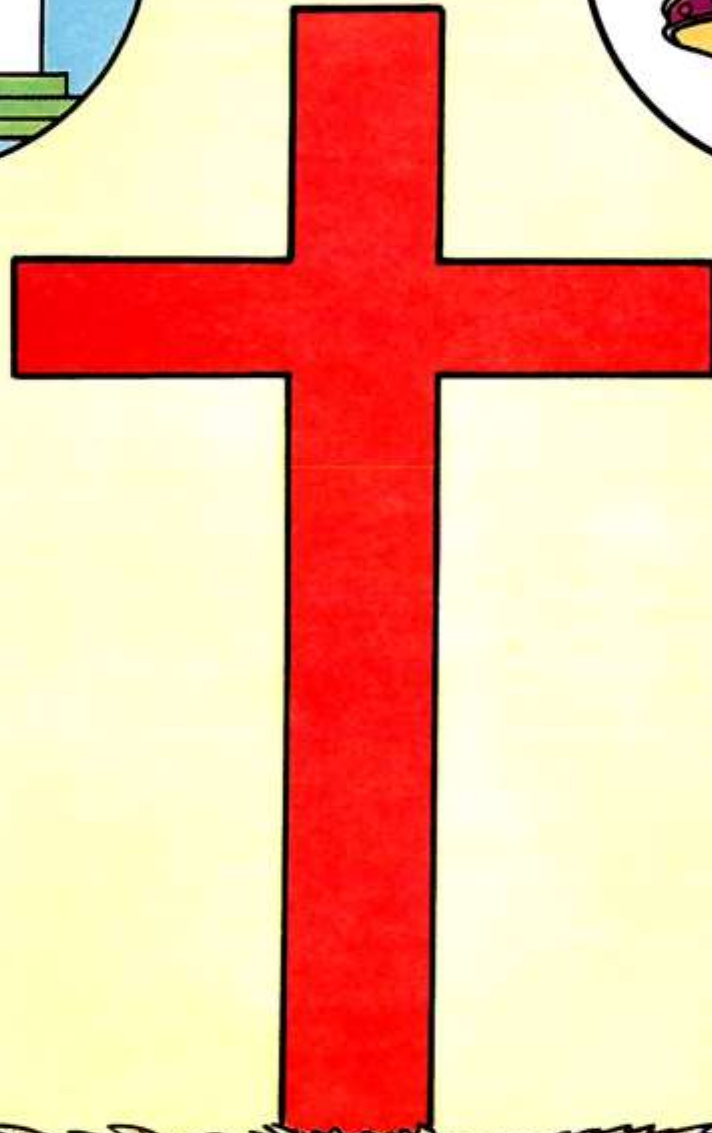
John also gives us some titles of the Lord Jesus to help us better understand Who He is. (Compare John 17:6-8.) The first of these titles is "The Faithful Witness." This tells us of His birth (*point out manger*) and how He came down from Heaven as God's living Word that we might know God (John 1:1-3, 14, 18).

The next title is "The First Begotten of the Dead." This tells us of His death (*cross*), resurrection and ascension to the Father's throne in heaven (*throne*). He died and rose again that He might wash us "from our sins in His own blood," as our memory verse tells us.

"The Prince of the Kings of the Earth" is the title that tells us that Jesus is ruler over all the rulers of the earth (Revelation 5:9-10). (*Point out crown in upper left hand corner.*)

Finally, the Lord Jesus says, "I am Alpha and Omega." We would say, "A and Z." Jesus is the whole alphabet: the beginning, the ending and everything in between. He is our past, our present and our future. He is all we need. He is greater than all, so we do not need to be afraid of anything or anyone (Romans 8:35-39).

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One day while John was on the island of Patmos, he heard a great voice behind him that sounded like a trumpet. It was saying, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last. Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches."

John did exactly what we would have done. He turned around to see who was speaking to him. It was the Lord Jesus Himself. But He looked very different from the way John had seen Him before on earth. He was standing right in the middle of seven golden lampstands. This was His way of telling John that He is always with those who love Him. Where even two or three people are gathered together in His name, He is with them (Matthew 18:20).

He was wearing a long robe that went down to His feet, and it had a belt (girdle) of gold. (Compare Luke 12:37.) This belt says that He has the right and power to judge the whole earth. He came to the earth to be our Saviour, but if we will not let Him be our Saviour, then we must face Him as our Judge.

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His hair was as white as snow. (*Point out snow-covered mountain.*) By this He tells us, "I am the Eternal One, the Ancient of Days who has no beginning or ending. (Daniel 7:9, 13.) I am the only One who is pure and sinless."

As John looked into His eyes (*point out*), they were like a flame of fire. John knew that Jesus could look right through Him, that nothing could be hidden from Him. Then John looked down at Jesus' feet (*point to feet*). They were like fine brass that was being burned in a furnace. This is His promise to us that He is walking with us to keep us clean and pure in this evil world.

His voice sounded like a great waterfall (*show this*). A waterfall makes a powerful noise that drowns everything else out. So the voice of Jesus speaks with authority above all other voices. Next, John looked at Jesus' right hand, and saw that He was holding seven stars (*hand*). How glad it must have made John to know that He holds us safely in His hand (John 10:27-28).

People usually hold a sword in their hand, but the Lord Jesus had a two-edged sword in His mouth (*sword*). Our Bible is called the Sword of the Spirit. It has two edges, one to condemn sinners to death and the other to cut out the sin in the heart of a Christian. So the Lord Jesus is telling us that His sword is God's Word (Hebrews 4:12).

Last of all, John noted that Jesus' countenance (we would say His whole face) was like the sun. (*Point out center circle.*) We cannot look on His face now while we are in these bodies, but some day we shall see Him face to face (II Corinthians 4:6).

Now perhaps John realized more than ever before Who the Lord Jesus really is. He is not just a man; He is God! As John realized this, he was so frightened that he fell at His feet as though he were dead. The loving Lord Jesus put His hand upon John and said, "Don't be afraid of Me. I am the first and the last. I was dead, but now I am alive forever more and I have the keys of hell and of death." (Compare I Corinthians 15:55.)

When John heard these words, he was no longer afraid. He knew all this power would not hurt him. Instead, it would protect him because he had trusted the dear Lord Jesus as his Saviour, and knew His love and forgiveness. So he would not have to be afraid of His judgment and punishment. For with His keys He had locked up hell and death and they could not hurt John.

APPLICATION: (*Turn back to Page 21.*) Do you know Jesus as your Saviour? He is the Faithful Witness. We can believe His Words. He came into the world (*manger*) and took our sins "in His own body on the tree" (*cross*). Then He arose from the dead, so He could wash us from our sins in His own blood. We must take Him now as Saviour or else face Him later as Judge. Let us close our eyes and bow our heads. He is here now. He can see right into your heart. If you really trust Him, He will come in, wash away your sins, and give you eternal life. Then He will not only be King of Kings, but also King of your life.

