

Jesus Christ

Has horns and crowns.

- Rev 19:12-13 (many crowns).
- Rev 5:5-6 (7 horns).
- horns = strength/power.

Receives authority from the Father.

-Matt 28:18

Ministry lasts 3.5 years.

- The gospel of John counts three Passovers in the ministry of Jesus.
- JC was baptized in fall of 27AD.
- fall of 28, fall of 29, fall of 30.
- crucifixion in spring at Passover.
- this is 3.5 yrs. (30 day months)

Crucified then resurrected.

-Matt 27-28

Is worshiped after resurrection.

-Matt 28:17.

Given universal dominion.

-Matt 28:18 (we already saw that)

Antichrist

Has horns and crowns.

-Rev 13:1, 12:9, 3

Receives authority from the dragon.

-Rev 13:2 "the dragon gave him"

Mission lasts 3.5 years.

- Rev 13:5, Dan 7:25
- 3.5 years in 42 months.
- (30 day month, which is what the Jews used.)

Wounded to death, then healed.

-Rev 13:3

Is worshiped after deadly wound is healed.

- Rev 13:3-4. (worshiping the beast = worshiping Satan)
- who can make war w/ him?

Given universal dominion.

-Rev 13:7

10. How can I keep from being deceived by the antichrist for sure?
John 5:39, 17:3

Note: The plan of Satan in working through the antichrist system is to obscure the person of Jesus. So a person may think they have a relationship with God when they may have been deceived by this impostor. The stage is set. We are now ready to reveal who the antichrist is. In our next lesson we will give you ten biblical identifying marks of who the antichrist is.

MY CHOICE: It is my desire to know Jesus better though the truths of God's word so that I will not be deceived by the great impostor.

Journey With Jesus



Lesson #12 The Impostor

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1. What did Jesus say is the way to eternal life? John 17:3

Note: If we are saved by knowing God personally through Jesus Christ then Satan will do his very best to prevent us from really knowing God.

2. How does Satan try to divert our attention from God? 2Timothy 4:2-4
1John 2:15-16

3. Are you deceived, are you sure? Revelation 12:9

Note: The essence of deception is that you are unaware that you are being deceived. You never see a person with a sign on their chest that says, "I'm not being deceived." For example, you don't know you are asleep until you wake up. There's no way of knowing you are awake until you view sleep from the perspective of consciousness. You might say to yourself, "whew I'm glad I'm not deceived," but that's exactly how deceived people think! The moment that you know you're being deceived, you're undeceived.

4. How can we be sure that we will remain undeceived? John 17:17, Psalm 119:9, 11

Note: Be sure that everything you believe is from the Bible. The Bible is the ultimate cure for deception and the rule for our Christian experience.

5. Who did Paul say the antichrist will seek to impersonate?
2Thessalonians 2:3-4

Note: The Greek word for "falling away" is apostasia, where we get the word apostasy. It supposes a prior favorable relationship. Notice in v. 4 it does not say "against God" it says, "as God," this is the idea of substitution. In other words, one cannot get a divorce from a person they have never married. A divorce supposes a prior favorable relationship. The antichrist power began among the body of believers (the church) and slowly begins to impersonate or substitute himself in the place of Jesus Christ.

Vines Expository Dictionary pp. 53-54 "ANTICHRIST: ἀντίχριστος can mean either against Christ or instead of Christ, or perhaps combining the two... What the apostle says of him so closely resembles what he says of the first beast in Rev. 13 and what the apostle Paul says of the Man of Sin in 2 Thess. 2, that same person seems to be in view in all these passages."

6. What two phrases did Paul use to describe the antichrist power?
2Thessalonians 2:3, John 17:12

Note: Paul is speaking of the antichrist system in the language of Jesus by

calling him the "son of perdition", which is the name Jesus gave Judas. Paul used the name "son of perdition" linking Judas and the antichrist together as both similar in character and in terms of method of deception. This idea squares along with the apostasia illustration Paul used in v. 3. Judas did not violently oppose Jesus. He came from the 12. He did not join Christ's enemies or even have an open debate with Him. He came to Jesus as a friend in the Garden of Gethsemane and betrayed Him with a kiss. This is deception.

7. Where does Paul say that the antichrist power comes from?
Acts 20:28-30

Note: Notice that Paul did not say "among the Romans or Pharisees" Paul said, "among yourselves," speaking of the church. So we're getting the idea that anti means in place of or substitution. The antichrist will not appear as a violent opposer, but as a subtle impostor.

8. What has Satan always wanted? Matthew 4:9, Isaiah 14:13-14

Note: Satan knows that he cannot be God and also that God's people will not worship him if he walked into the church. So he gets a front man that appears holy/spiritual and deceives the people of God. It's called worship by representation. This is how we worship the Father (Jn 14:6 "...no man comes to the father except through me"). This is worship by representation.

9. How do we know that the antichrist is a religious entity?
2Thessalonians 2:3-4, Revelation 13:4

Note: He goes into the temple of God to show that he is God. The temple of God is the church. Worship is a word pertaining to religious activity. The antichrist is the great impostor. How so? Notice the chart.

Jesus Christ

Rises from the water, begins ministry.
-Matt 3:15-16

Resembles the Father

-Jn 14:8-9, Heb 1:1-3, 2Cor 4:6

Antichrist

Rises from the water,
begins mission.
-Rev 13:1

Resembles Satan

-Rev 13:1, 12:9, 3