

The Message to the Churches--Intro.

Revelation 1

As a result of this lesson, I want my students

TK- That when the early churches were facing Emperor worship, conversion to Judaism, or death, John received a vision describing who Jesus is, and a letter addressed to each of their particular situations in which Jesus told them that He knew their deeds and what to do.

BT- That when one is facing

Jesus is sufficient because he understands each particular situation, knows ones deeds, and knows what one ought to do.

To Rz- When my students are facing

Jesus is sufficient because He understands each particular situation, knows ones deeds, and knows what one ought to do.

To Rd- by turning to Jesus because He is worthy and knows and doing whatever He has to say.

1:12	I saw seven golden lampstands;	2:1 Ephesus	The one who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands
1:13	and in the middle of the lampstands, one like the son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to his feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle.		
1:14	And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow;	2:18 Thyatira	The Son of God who has eyes like flames of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze
1:15	and His eyes were like a flame of fire; and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters.		
1:16	And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.		
1:17	And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as a dead man. And he laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,	2:8 Smyrna	The first and the last,
1:18	and the living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore		who was dead and has come to life,
	and I have the keys of death and of Hades	3:7 Philadel.	He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David
		3:14 Laodicea	The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning (source) of the creation of God

What would the churches understand? Why would having this description of Jesus help?

How would knowing that Jesus "knew their situation" help them? How would knowing that Jesus "knew their deeds" help them?

Message to the Seven Churches

VS.	Scripture	Church	Description	Message
1:12	I saw seven golden lampstands;		The one who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands	
1:13	and in the middle of the lampstands, one like the son of man, clothed in a robe reaching to his feet, and girded across His breast with a golden girdle.			
1:14	And His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow;		The Son of God who has eyes like flames of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze	
1:15	and His eyes were like a flame of fire;			
1:16	and His feet were like burnished bronze, when it has been caused to glow in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of many waters. And in His right hand He held seven stars; and out of his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength.		He who has the seven Spirits of God and the seven stars The one who has the sharp two-edged sword	
1:17	And when I saw Him, I fell at his feet as a dead man. And he laid His right hand upon me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last,		The first and the last,	
1:18	and the living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore		who was dead and has come to life,	
	and I have the keys of death and of Hades		He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David	
1:19	Write therefore, what you have seen, what is now,		The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning (source)	

and what will take place
later.

of the creation of God