

No. 39 Jesus Christ, World Conqueror—How and When?

PLEASE NOTE: Motivate listeners to imitate Jesus' courage and take a decisive stand in support of true worship. If you wish, you may use the provided artwork to illustrate the points indicated

JESUS CAN HELP YOU TO TAKE A STAND FOR THE TRUTH (3 min.)

Each year, thousands who have learned Bible truth get baptized as Jehovah's Witnesses

[Mention recent worldwide baptism statistics]

Perhaps you too are learning Bible truth and considering how you will act on what you are learning

It has never been easy to take a stand as a true disciple of Jesus (Joh 7:12, 13; 9:22)

The Bible describes Jesus as a world conqueror, and in this role he can strengthen you to take your stand for the truth

JESUS CONQUERED THE WORLD WHEN HE WAS ON EARTH (12 min.)

The night before he was executed, Jesus said that he had "conquered the world" [Read John 16:33]

In this verse, "the world" refers to human society opposed to Jesus and true Christians

It is controlled by Satan, "the ruler of the world" (Joh 14:30)

How did Jesus conquer the world when he was on earth?

He never yielded to its temptations or influence

Jesus rejected the Devil's offer of "all the kingdoms of the inhabited earth" in exchange for an act of worship (Lu 4:5-8) [Image 1]

He never adopted attitudes common in the world; for example, Jesus did not retaliate when he was insulted (1Pe 2:23)

Even when he was nailed to the stake, he maintained trust in God along with mildness and self-control (Lu 23:34)

He never lowered his standards of worship or conduct

Jesus refused to water down his message, although some who rejected it tried to kill him (Lu 4:24-30)

He upheld God's high standard for marriage, which allows for divorce only on the grounds of sexual immorality (Mt 19:3-9)

He courageously exposed the hypocrisy of false religious leaders (Mt 23:23-28)

By his loyalty and integrity until death, Jesus conquered the world

What can Jesus' conquest mean for you?

Like Jesus' disciples, you can gain courage from his conquest

His example proves that it is possible to conquer the world, overcoming its temptations and bad influence

How can you imitate Jesus' example?

Rely on the Scriptures rather than on human wisdom

Never let the apathy or opposition of others weaken your determination to please God [Image 2]

If you are insulted or persecuted for doing what is right, "keep conquering the evil with the good" (Ro 12:21)

JESUS IS CONQUERING THE WORLD NOW (6 min.)

Jesus is depicted in a prophetic vision as a Warrior-King [Read Revelation 6:2] [Image 3]

This conquering is an ongoing process that began in 1914

At that time, Jesus' enemies were in power, and they continue to be (Ps 110:2)

How is Jesus conquering the world now?

Jesus is drawing sheeplike people out of the world and into the Christian congregation (Joh 10:27, 28; 15:19)

Satan, “the ruler of the world,” is powerless to stop this conquest (Joh 14:30)

Jesus is protecting and preserving the congregation despite opposition (w05 1/15 18 ¶11)
What can Jesus’ conquest mean for you?

If you take Jesus’ side, he will help you to overcome opposition from the world (2Ti 4:17)

JESUS WILL COMPLETELY CONQUER THE WORLD IN THE FUTURE (6 min.)

In the future, Jesus will conquer all human governments, symbolized by “ten kings” [Read Revelation 17:12-14a]

How will Jesus conquer the world?

Jesus will do away with human governments and their supporters at the war of Armageddon (Ps 2:8, 9; Re 19:11, 15-21) [Image 4]

He will cast Satan into an abyss of inactivity for 1,000 years (Re 20:1-3)

What will Jesus’ conquest mean for you?

Some faithful Christians are raised to life in heaven to join Jesus in this future conquest (Re 17:14b)

Most of Jesus’ disciples will remain on earth and will not take part in the war of Armageddon (2Ch 20:17) [Image 5]

They will benefit from the conquest by receiving life on a paradise earth, free from the influence of the present world or its ruler (Ps 37:34)

ACT WITH FAITH IN THE CONQUERING KING, JESUS (3 min.)

[Briefly review the ways in which Jesus conquers the world, as discussed in the talk]

Jesus promised his followers: “I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things” (Mt 28:20)

The end of this system of things is very close; now is the time for decisive action

Act with faith in the conquering King, Christ Jesus, and you too can conquer the world!

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Reminders for Those Assigned Public Talks* (S-141)]

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