



# The King Speaks

## Revelation - Lesson 2

Read Revelation 2:1-11

Then take time to reflect on the questions below. Use this guide to slow down, return to the text, and consider what the Lord is revealing to you through His Word.

### REFLECTION 1:

How did Christ's descriptions of Himself speak to the situations in Ephesus and Smyrna? How might those descriptions have encouraged, corrected, or strengthened the believers in each church?

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### REFLECTION 2:

In both messages, Jesus says, "I know." What does He say He knows about Ephesus and Smyrna, and how does that shape the way we understand His care for His people?

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### REFLECTION 3:

Jesus commends the believers in Ephesus for their hard work, perseverance, and commitment to truth (Rev. 2:2-3). Which of these qualities stands out most to you, and why do you think Christ values it?

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### REFLECTION 4:

Jesus praised the Ephesian believers for many things, yet He was concerned that they had left their first love. Why do you think it is possible to be busy serving Christ while at the same time becoming distant from Him?

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### REFLECTION 5:

Are there any ways in which you feel you might have “lost your first love” with the Lord? Jesus told the Ephesian believers to remember, repent, and do the things they did at first. What might each of those steps look like in the life of a believer or a church today? What can you do to renew your relationship with Him?

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### REFLECTION 6:

Christ commended the Ephesian believers for carefully testing those who claimed to speak for God. What principles from this passage can help us discern whether teaching is trustworthy and biblical today?

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### REFLECTION 7:

In Revelation 2:8, Jesus introduces Himself to Smyrna as the First and the Last, the One who died and came to life again. Why would that description be especially meaningful to a suffering church?

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### REFLECTION 8:

Jesus told Smyrna, “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer.” What truths from this passage can help believers face suffering, opposition, or uncertainty with faith?

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