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REVELATIONS 21:11



This icon describes visually a scripture passage in the book of Revelations. Can you guess which one? Have you heard it before? *It is Revelations 21:11* 'I saw the Heavens rolled up like a scroll. Then I saw a new Heaven and a New Earth coming down from the glory of God. It had the radiance of some precious jewel like Jasper clear as crystal.' In Revelations chapter 21, St John is seeing a vision of Heaven coming down to Earth. In this icon the iconographers has even put little crystals on the scroll!

The icon's prototype is found in the dome of a church in Cairo, Egypt. Iconographers use other, older, icons as prototypes for their works.

This is important because icons teach about scripture and the truths of our faith. If we change the original icon it would be as if we had changed scripture! Writing a new icon, to be venerated is an important job only given to Masters who can be trusted to pass on the faith truthfully. Sometimes you can change the colours in an icon and sometimes you can't. Angels often wear a variety of colours because we don't know what they would look like if they were dressed. Angels are purely spiritual beings and don't need clothes! Often an iconographer will use special painting techniques to make the outer layer of clothing look transparent, this is done to portray their spiritual nature.



Angel With Scroll,
Marianna Savaryn

How beautiful is the Angel in this icon? Do you like the colour choices made by the iconographer? If you could choose a scripture passage to depict as an icon which one would it be? Would you choose a parable? Maybe an event in the life of Jesus? Perhaps a beautiful Psalm or a prophecy just like our icon of the Angel and the scroll. Maybe someday you could be a Master iconographer and help to depict our faith in beautiful icons to be venerated by the faithful.

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