

# The Ascension of Jesus Christ

## Acts 1:9-14 (New King James Version)

### Jesus Ascends to Heaven

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

### The Upper Room Prayer Meeting

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication,<sup>[a]</sup> with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

## Jesus spoke of His ascension in John 6:62

### John 6:62 (New King James Version)

<sup>62</sup> *What* then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before?

## Why His ascension was necessary.

### John 16:7 (New King James Version)

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

## **Mark 16:19 (New King James Version)**

### **Christ Ascends to God's Right Hand**

<sup>19</sup> So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God.

## **Luke 24:50-52 (New King James Version)**

### **The Ascension**

<sup>50</sup> And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup> Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

He ascended bodily.

A cloud received Him.

He ascended far above all the heavens. Ephesians 5:10.

Far above all principality and power and might and dominion.

- I. The significance of the Ascension.  
He now carries out the plan of God from heaven.
  - A. The only time He has reappeared was recorded in Acts 9.

B. Though His physical presence is gone He is still with us spiritually.

Matthew 28:20b “Lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

**John 14:16-18 (New King James Version)**

<sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you

While on the earth in a physical body He was limited physically to one place at a time. But now He fills the entire universe with his presence.

C. The God-man has been exalted to His highest position.

**Philippians 2:9 (New King James Version)**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

## **1 Timothy 3:16 (New King James Version)**

<sup>16</sup> And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

God<sup>[a]</sup> was manifested in the flesh,  
Justified in the Spirit,  
Seen by angels,  
Preached among the Gentiles,  
Believed on in the world,  
Received up in glory.

He took His resurrected humanity into  
heaven.

## **Philippians 3:20-21 (New King James Version)**

<sup>20</sup> For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself

Our lowly bodies will be transformed like  
unto His glorious body.

## **Hebrews 8:1 (New King James Version)**

### **Hebrews 8**

#### **The New Priestly Service**

<sup>1</sup> Now *this is* the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens,

## **Hebrews 10:12 (New King James Version)**

<sup>12</sup> But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

D. We have a future inheritance in heaven.

**Ephesians 2:6 (New King James Version)**

<sup>6</sup> and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Christ is our hope of glory. Colossians 1:27

**Colossians 3:2-4 (New King James Version)**

<sup>2</sup> Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**1 Peter 1:3-5 (New King James Version)**

**A Heavenly Inheritance**

<sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

E. His ascension led to the outpouring of Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.

**Acts 2:33 (New King James Version)**

<sup>33</sup> Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

In His exalted state He is in the Head of the church.

### **Ephesians 1:21-23 (New King James Version)**

<sup>21</sup> far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.  
<sup>22</sup> And He put all *things* under His feet, and gave Him *to be* head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all

### **Philippians 2:9-11 (New King James Version)**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, <sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

### **Revelation 3:21-22 (New King James Version)**

<sup>21</sup> To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.  
<sup>22</sup> "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."""

F. His departure signifies the way in which  
He will return.

**Acts 1:11 (New King James Version)**

<sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

He is presently seated at the right hand of the Father.

He is coming again in the same way He went into heaven.