

## THE ASCENSION AND CORONATION

### INTRODUCTION

- A. Luke 24:49-53 "And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hand, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven."
- B. Acts 1:9-12 "And when he has spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet which is from Jerusalem a sabbath's day's journey."
- C. I Timothy 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."

NOTE: Jesus spent 40 days expounding the meaning of the Old Testament scriptures in reference to himself. (Lk. 24:27 and Acts 1:3.)

### I. THE ASCENSION WAS PREDICTED

- A. John 20:17 "Jesus said unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God."
- B. John 16:16 "A little while, and ye shall not see me: and again, a little while, and ye shall see me, because I go to the Father."
- C. John 16:28 "I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father."
- D. Only Luke records the record of the Ascension.

1. This is not unusual - There is no account of the birth of Christ in either Mark or John. In fact, John does not record the record of the Temptation, the Transfiguration, or the Institution of the Lord's Supper.

- (a) See Mark 16:19. MARK Alludes To It - *Some claim this verse not in Best Manuscripts*
- (b) However, John tells quite a bit about what Jesus said and did when he instituted the Supper.

## II. WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THE ASCENSION?

### A. It is a Chief Proof of the Existence of Heaven.

1. Heb. 10:12 "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God."
2. I Pet. 3:22 "Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God: angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."
3. Acts 7:56 "And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God."

### B. It is a Proof of the Immortality of the Soul.

### C. It Demonstrates and Declares the Supreme Authority of Jesus.

### D. It Declares the Final Glorious Triumph of His Kingdom.

## III. DAVID AND DANIEL FORESAW OUR MASTER'S CORONATION

### A. Isaiah Depicts Christ's Victory on Calvary.

1. Isaiah 63:1 "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, traveling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the wine fat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me: for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment."

### B. David Could See the Victorious Conqueror Enter the Gates of Heaven.

1. Psalms 24:7-10 "Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of glory."

C. Daniel Could See Him Approach the Ancient of Days and Receive the Kingdom.

1. Daniel 7:13-14 "I saw in the night visions, and behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

IV. THE NEW TESTAMENT WRITERS PORTRAY HIM EXALTED, KING OF KING, LORD OF LORDS.

A. Peter says that Christ had Received God's Promises made to David.

1. Acts 2:32-33,  
36 "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear . . . Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

B. Paul Points Out that Christ has been Exalted Above All Things.

1. Heb. 1:3-5 "Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; being made so much better than the angels, and he hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."
2. Eph. 1:20-21 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come."

C. John Could See Christ as King of Kings.

1. Rev. 19:11-13,  
16 "And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a

flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood; and his name is called The word of God ... And he had on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

V. WHEN WAS THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST ESTABLISHED?

A. Christ Was Not Crowned King Before His Ascension.

1. 2 Sam. 7:12-16 Was to be Crowned after David's Death.
2. Acts 2:30 After Christ's Incarnation.
3. Acts 2:31 After Christ's Resurrection.
4. Acts 2:32-33 After Christ's Ascension.

B. The Two Covenants Could Not Be In Force At The Same Time.

1. Heb. 10:9-10 "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."
2. Col. 2:13-16 The Old Law of Moses was operative during Christ's life.

C. A Testament Is Not In Force During the Lifetime of the Testator.

1. Heb. 9:15-17 "And for this cause he is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth."

2. It Did Not Go Into Operation the Moment He Died.

NOTE: Jesus took the law out of the way, not at the moment he died, but by virtue of the fact that he died.

- (a) Heb. 9:12-14 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

- (b) Heb. 9:24-28 "For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others ... Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many.

NOTE

Redemption was complete when Christ carried the blood into the very presence of God for His satisfaction for sin.

D. Christ Became the Head of His Church-Kingdom After His Resurrection.

1. Eph. 1:19-23 "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

E. The Church, The One New Man, was made possible by the Cross.

1. Eph. 2:11-16 "For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; and that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross."
2. New Man - Church was formed after the "enmity" was slain.

(a) This Took Place on the Cross.

F. Christ was Not the Chief Cornerstone Before His Rejection.

1. Eph. 2:20 "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone."

2. Matt. 21:42 "Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes.
3. Acts 4:11 "This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

G. The Kingdom Was to Come with Power.

1. Mark 9:1 "And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with Power."

(a) The Power Came With the Holy Spirit.

- (i) Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

(b) The Holy Spirit Came on the Pentecost Following the Resurrection.

- (i) Acts 2:4 "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance."

(ii) Therefore, the kingdom came on Pentecost.

VI. CHRIST IS NOW REIGNING ON DAVID'S THRONE IN HEAVEN OVER HIS KINGDOM.

A. He Was to be Both a Priest and a King on His Throne.

1. Zachariah 6:12-13 "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The Branch: and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne, and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."  
(See also: Ps. 11:4, Ps. 11:0; 1-4, Eph. 2:19-22, I Pet. 2:5.)

2. Since Christ is Now a Priest - He is therefore a King. (Heb. 8:1).

B. The Kingdom - Church Has a Glorious Destiny.

1. I Cor. 15:24-28 "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. And the last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him."

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Hymn: All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
The day of march has come;  
Henceforth in fields of conquest  
Thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
Thy grace has made us strong,  
And now, O King Eternal,  
We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
And holiness shall whisper  
The sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords, loud clashing,  
Nor roll of stirring drums,  
With deeds of love and mercy,  
The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal,  
We follow, not with fears,  
For gladness breaks like morning  
Where'er thy face appears.

Thy cross is lifted o're us,  
We journey in its light;  
The crown awaits the conquest:  
Lead on, O God of might.