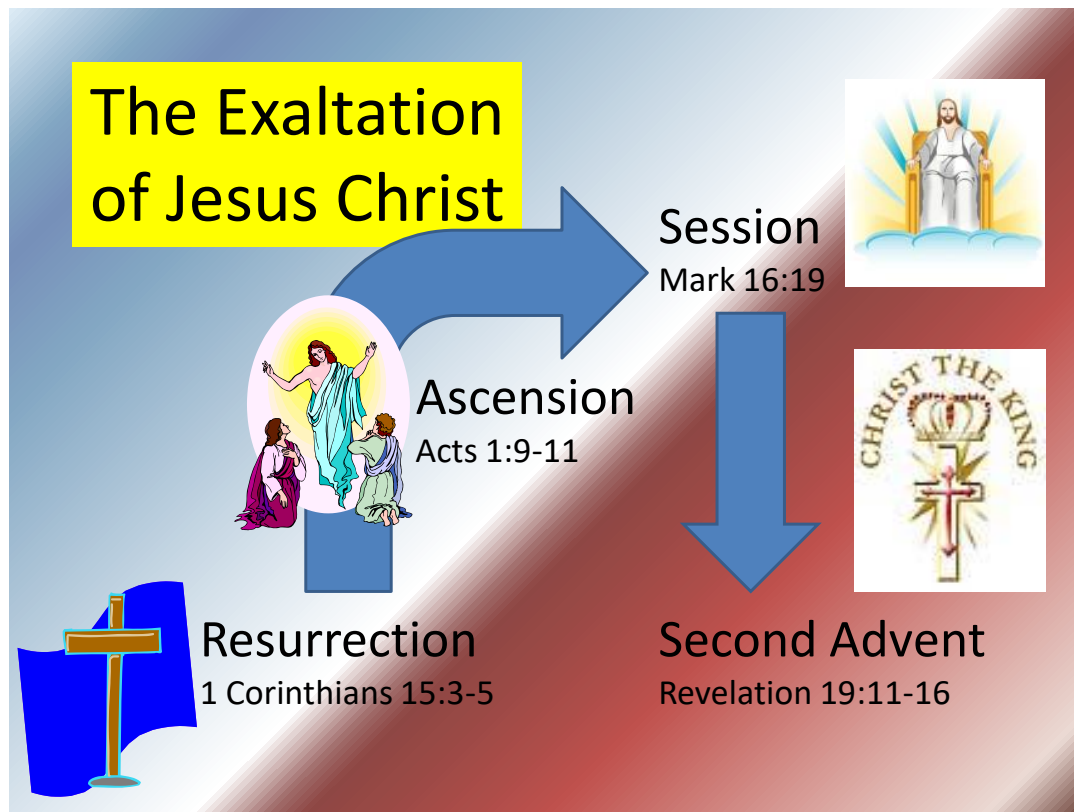


Lesson 9. The Exaltation of Jesus Christ



I. Resurrection

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 *"For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve."*

II. Ascension

- Acts 1:9-11 *"And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight."*

III. Session

- Mark 16:19 *"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God."*

IV. Second Advent

- Revelation 19:11-16 *"And I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sat on it is called Faithful and True,"... "And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, 'King of kings, and Lord of lords.'"*

Session

I. Definition: Jesus Christ is now seated at the right hand of the Father.

II. Significance of the right hand of the Lord:

- A. Honor Psalm 118:15-16; Matthew 25:33
 - B. Power, strength Psalm 118:15-16
 - C. Majesty Psalm 118:16; Psalm 89:13
 - D. Salvation Psalm 20:6; Matthew 25:33
 - E. Security Psalm 17:7; 18:35; 63:8
 - F. Blessing Genesis 48:13-18; Psalm 16:11
- A place of honor, power, influence, glory
See Matthew 20:21-23; Mark 10:37-40; Luke 23:33

III. Prediction

📖 Psalm 110:1, 5

"1 The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at my right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." :5 "The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath."

IV. Anticipation

A. Jesus identified Himself with Psalm 110:1.

📖 Matthew 22:41-46; Mark 12:35-37; Luke 20:41-44

B. At His trials, session was confirmed.

📖 Matthew 26:64; Mark 14:61-62; Luke 22:69

Luke 22:69 *"But from now on the Son of Man will be seated at the right hand of the power of God"*

V. Fulfillment

📖 Mark 16:19 *"So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God."*

📖 Acts 7:55-56 Stoning of Stephen. *"Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."*

VI. The exaltation of Jesus is indicated by His session.

📖 Philippians 2:9-11 *"exalted;" every knee will bow; confess Jesus is Lord*

📖 Acts 2:33-35 *"Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God... Lord and Christ*

📖 Acts 5:31 *"He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins."*

📖 Philippians 2:9 *"The name which is above every name"*

At His return –

Revelation 19:13 *"His name is called the Word of God."*

Revelation 19:16 *"a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords"*

VII. Session indicates victory over the angelic world.

📖 1 Peter 3:22 *"who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him." Cf. Colossians 2:13-15*

- 📖 Ephesians 1:20-23; Cf. Colossians 1:16; Ephesians 6:12
"all things in subjection" i.e. an exalted position
- 📖 Hebrews 1:3-4, 13 *"better than the angels"*

VIII. In session, Jesus functions as High Priest.

- 📖 Hebrews 8:1 *"Now the main point in what has been said is this: we have such a high priest, who has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;"* compare 4:14-16
- 📖 Hebrews 10:10-14 He offered a perfect sacrifice.

IX. Session indicates that Christ's work of redemption from sin is complete.

- 📖 Hebrews 1:3 *"when He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on High."*
- 📖 Hebrews 10:12-13 *"but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God."*

X. Jesus in session intercedes for us.

- 📖 Romans 8:34 *"Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."*
- 📖 Hebrews 7:22-25 *"Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."*
- 📖 1 John 2:1-2 We have an advocate with the Father.

XI. Jesus in session is the head of the church.

- 📖 Ephesians 1:20-23 *"He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenlies," "and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all."*
God is today still calling persons to become a part of the body of Christ.

XII. Jesus in session bestows gifts.

- A. He sent the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:34
- B. He gives gifts to men. Ephesians 4:8-10

XIII. Jesus is seated until His enemies are made a footstool.

- 📖 Psalm 110:1; Matthew 22:44; Mark 12:36; Luke 20:43; Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13; 10:13

➤ Our response to the session of Jesus Christ

- 📖 Colossians 3:1 *"Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth"*
- 📖 Hebrews 12:1-2 *"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."*