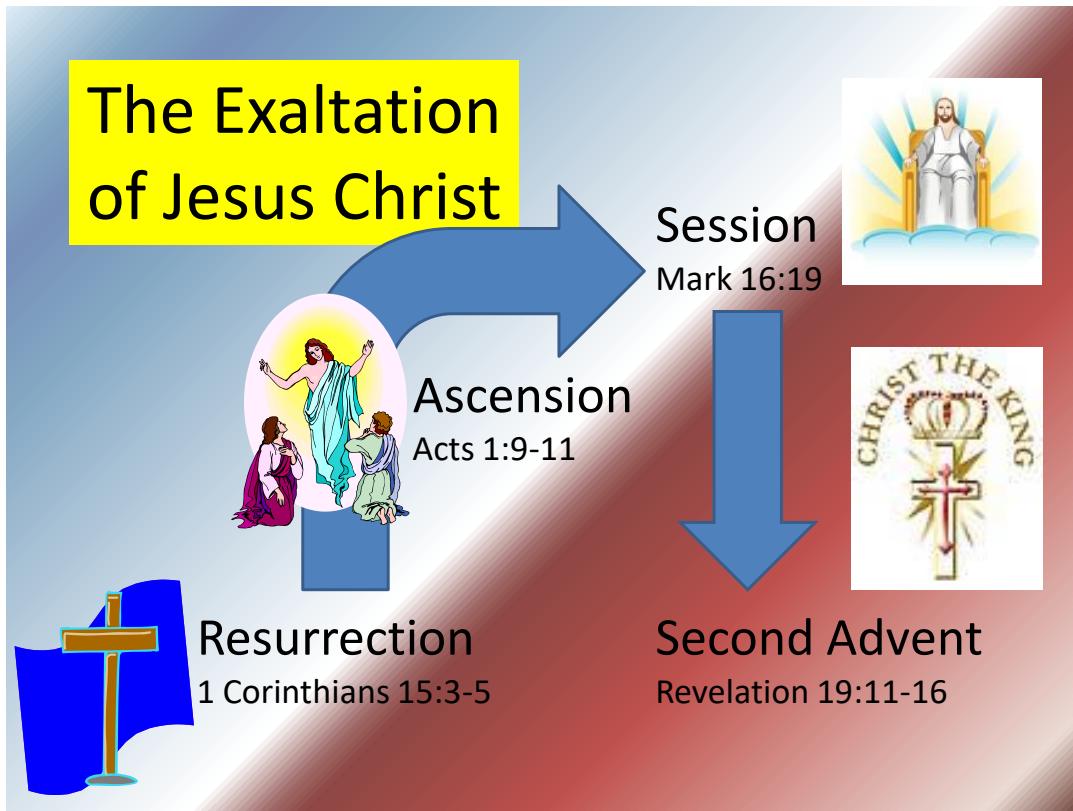


## Lesson 10. Return of the King!



**The King will return!**

### I. The second coming of Jesus was prophesied in the Old Testament.

#### A. Old Testament themes:

1. Davidic Covenant: The throne of David will be established, and the kingdom will endure forever. (2 Samuel 7:8-17)
2. The Day of the Lord: (Joel)
  - a. It will be a time of desolation and destruction.
  - b. It will be a time of judgment upon the nations.
  - c. The King will reign. (Zephaniah 3:15, 17)
  - d. There will be restoration and blessing of God's people.

#### B. The King will judge the enemies of God and Israel.

Psalm 2; 110

#### C. The King will reign on the throne of David.

1. He will reign in Zion. (Isaiah 24:19-23)
2. He will have dominion over all the nations of the earth. (Psalm 22:27-31; 72:8-11)
3. He will rule in righteousness. (Psalm 72:1-7; 110:1-2; Isaiah 9:4-7; 24:23)
4. His reign will have no end. (Psalm 45:6-7; 72:17-19)

#### D. Jesus is identified as the King! (Luke 1:30-33)

## II. The return of Jesus was promised during His earthly ministry.

- A. His return will be sudden. (Matthew 24:23-27, 29-31, 36-39, 42, 44)
- B. He will sit on the throne and judge the nations. (Matthew 25:31-32)

## III. In His last message to His disciples Jesus said:

 **John 14:1-3** *"Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."*

## IV. The return of Jesus was confirmed at the Ascension of Jesus.

After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, two angels said:

 **Acts 1:10-11** *"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."*

## V. The return of Jesus was confirmed to church age believers.

 **2 Peter 3:1-18**

### A. :3-4 Mockers

1. "following after their own lusts"
2. They question the promise that Jesus is coming again.
3. They replace God with evolutionary premises.  
    "All continues just as it was from the beginning."  
    "Law of nature and evolution" determine their world view.

### B. :5-7 Their lack of understanding is intentional.

1. :5 Creation  
 Romans 1:18-20
2. :6 Flood  
    Evidence – the fossil record
3. :7 Future judgment

### C. :8-9 Time is insignificant to God!

 Psalm 90:4

- The delay is for the salvation of more people!

### D. :10 The opportunity for salvation will end!

1. It will be sudden.
2. All that this earth has to offer will be burned up!  
    Security & significance offered by the world will be gone.

- Urgency of the gospel message.

**E. :11-18 “What sort of people ought you to be?”**

**1. :11 “holy conduct and godliness”**

- a. God has set us aside for His purposes!
- b. Christians are called out from the godless world around them and are set apart for God alone.
- c. It is that attitude of reverence that says with John the Baptist, “He must increase, but I must decrease.” (John 3:30)
- d. It describes a person whose life is devoted to trusting and pursuing God.

**2. :12-13 “looking forward”**

- a. It describes an attitude of excitement and expectation as we wait for the Lord’s return.
  - Contrast the routine of daily life.
- b. Other New Testament writers also teach that an eager expectancy of the Lord’s return ought to motivate us to live godly lives.
  - Romans 13:11–14 (personal conduct)
  - 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11 (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Comfort one another)
  - Titus 2:11–15 (zealous for good deeds)
  - Contrast a busy life consumed with things that do not matter for eternity.
- c. Colossians 3:1-2 Set your mind on things above.
  - Because we realize that the world and its works will be destroyed, we fix our hope, not on anything in this world, but only on the Lord Jesus Christ.

**3. :14 “Be at peace, spotless and blameless”**

- A. Peace with God.

Being aware of a right relationship with God.

- B. Peace of God.

Practicing a right relationship to God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit)

**4. :17 “Be on your guard”**

Watch out for wolves, false doctrines, error, and world viewpoint.

Error vs. steadfastness.

- It is error to... Declare that there is no God.

**5. :18 The antidote to error... GROW!**

***“but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.”***

 Result... Glory to God!

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## VI. Jesus will return in glory.

The Book of Revelation says:

 **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 in righteousness He judges and wages war. His eyes are a flame of fire, and on His head are many diadems; and He has a name written on Him which no one knows except Himself. He is clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, were following Him on white horses. From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written, “KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.””

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 **Revelation 22:7, 12, 20. “I am coming quickly.”**

**:12 “Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done.”**