

The Ascension

Three Key Questions

1) Is _____ ... Your _____?

If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

2) Are _____ ... _____ Your _____?

3) Are _____ ... _____ With Your _____?

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit their very self? (Luke 9:25)

God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our conscience, but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world. ... No doubt pain as God's megaphone is a terrible instrument; it may lead to final and unrepented rebellion. But it gives the only opportunity the bad man can have for amendment. It removes the veil; it plants the flag of truth within the fortress of the rebel soul. (C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*)

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The Resurrected King

Acts 1:1-2 & 9-12

Amazed

The Power Of The Resurrection

Hope In Times Of Crisis

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The Return Of The Hero

Acts 1:1-2 & 9-12/Deuteronomy 5:22 & 31:15/Exodus 40/
1 Kings 8/2 Chronicles 5/Luke 9:28-36/Luke 21:27

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The Coronation Of The King

1) _____ ...

Is The _____.

The LORD says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” (Psalm 110:1)

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said,

“The LORD said to my Lord:

‘Sit at my right hand

until I make your enemies

a footstool for your feet.” (Acts 2:32-35)

Christ’s ascension to the right hand of God was an essential and constant element in the earliest apostolic preaching. ... But after his resurrection the apostles proclaimed that the enthronement to which he looked forward had actually taken place: Christ was now reigning as king from the right hand of the Almighty, and would continue so to reign until all opposing forces in the universe had submitted to him.

The apostles knew very well that they were using figurative language when they spoke of Christ’s exaltation in these terms: they no more thought of a location on a literal throne at God’s literal right hand than their twentieth-century successors do.

(F.F. Bruce, *The Epistles to the Colossians, to Philemon, and to the Ephesians*)

2) _____ ...

Is In _____ Of All _____.

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

3) _____ ...

_____ The _____.

The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said:

“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.”

And the twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying:

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.

The nations were angry, and your wrath has come.

The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small—

and for destroying those who destroy the earth.” (Revelation 11:15-18)