

ASCENSION:

ACCOMPLISHED

ASCENSION

- The **ascension** of Christ does not get as much attention as other parts of His life:
 - His birth, death, or resurrection
 - Jesus alluded to it early in his ministry - **Jn. 6:62**
 - He spoke of it at the end - **Jn. 16:5, 10, 28; 17:11**
 - He referenced it after His resurrection - **Jn. 20:17**
- Why did the apostles return to Jerusalem with “*great joy*” after the ascension? (**Lk. 24:50-52**)
 - They knew what the **ASCENSION ACCOMPLISHED**

EXALTATION

HE IS AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND

- From there He poured forth the Spirit and Gospel - **Acts 2:33**
- From there He grants repentance and forgiveness - **Acts 5:31**
- To whom “EVERY KNEE WILL BOW”
 - “9 For this reason also, **God highly exalted Him**, and bestowed on Him the name which is **above every name**, 10 so that at the name of Jesus **EVERY KNEE WILL BOW**, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that **every tongue will confess** that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”
(Phil. 2:9-11)

GLORIFICATION

HE IS CROWNED WITH GLORY AND HONOR

- He prayed for it when *“the hour”* had come – **Jn. 17:5**
 - *“But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death **crowned with glory and honor**, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.” (Heb. 2:9)*
- He was glorified when he was *“taken up”* ... and the early church sang about it:
 - *“He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, **Taken up in glory.**” (1 Tim. 3:16)*

ELEVATION

HE IS HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS

- He is above all earthly high priests... literally
 - *“Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has **passed through the heavens**, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.” (Heb. 4:14)*
- He is the high priest that *“meets our need”* [NIV]
 - *“For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted **above the heavens**” (Heb. 7:26)*
- By His ascension, Jesus is exalted, glorified and elevated

ELEVATION

HE IS HIGHER THAN THE HEAVENS

- He

ASCENSION:

ACCOMPLISHED

- He

-

... holy, innocent,
... sinners and exalted *above the heavens*"

(20)

- By His ascension, Jesus is exalted, glorified and elevated

APPLICATION

“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.”

(Acts 1:11)

Are you ready for His return?

