

The  
ASCENSION  
of Our Lord

EXALTED, INTERCEDING, RETURNING



This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

LUKE 24.46-49



When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

LUKE 24.50-52; ACTS 1.9b-11

“IT IS GOOD FOR YOU THAT I AM GOING AWAY.”

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR LORD'S ASCENSION

## EXALTED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

- ▶ Having ascended, Jesus has obtained the position of authority and power as Lord—to whom all must submit—and as the Head of the Church, his body.

*. . . and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the Church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way.*

- ▶ Ascended and exalted, our Lord has received the Father's promise for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

*Being, therefore, exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.*

ACTS 2.33

- ▶ Ascended and exalted, our Lord has secured all the provisions of grace for His Church.

*God exalted Jesus at His right hand as Prince and Savior, that He might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.*

ACTS 5.31



- Ascended and exalted, our Lord exercises spiritual power, provision, and sufficiency on behalf of the Church.

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority.*

COLOSSIANS 2.9-10

*So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

EPHESIANS 4.11-13

## EXALTED & INTERCEDING

- Ascended and exalted, our Lord stands in our defense and intercedes in prayer for completed salvation of His body, the Church.

*Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

ROMANS 5.34

*Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them. Such a high priest truly meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.*

HEBREWS 7.25-26



## EXALTED, INTERCEDING, AND RETURNING

- Ascended and exalted, our Lord is preparing a place for us as His bride, in expectation of returning for His body, the Church.

*My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*

JOHN 14.2-3

*After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.*

1 THESSALONIANS 4.17



*To [the Lord's people] God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

COLOSSIANS 1.27

*Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.*

COLOSSIANS 1.27