



The Ascension & The Spirit

Part 2 Acts 1:6-9, 2:1-13

The Apostle Paul Refers to the Ascension in 1 Corinthians 15, 2 Corinthians 5, Ephesians 1:20, Philippians 2:5-11 and Colossians 3:1. All 5 of Peters sermons refer to it and it is all throughout the book of Hebrews.

This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it. So then, exalted to the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, he has poured out what you both see and hear. For David did not ascend into heaven, but he himself says,

'The Lord said to my lord, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."'

Therefore let all the house of Israel know beyond a doubt that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ." Acts 2:32-36. (NET)

"I was watching in the night visions, And with the clouds of the sky one like a son of man was approaching. He went up to the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. To him was given ruling authority, honor, and sovereignty. All peoples, nations, and language groups were serving him. His authority is eternal and will not pass away. His kingdom will not be destroyed. Daniel 7:13-14

"From Daniel's perspective, it was not a departure story, but an arrival story. In Acts it is a departure story. The ascent of the Son of Man bequeathed him with dominion, glory, and a kingdom. All nations were now to serve him. His rule will never pass away or be destroyed. The Son of Man ascended and now has received his inheritance. He is the King of kings, the Lord of lords."

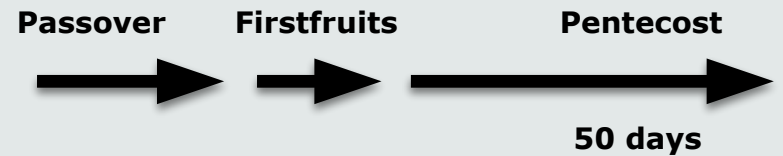
Patrick Schreiner "The Ascension of Christ"

But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power and coming on the clouds of heaven. Matthew 26:64

"It is not an overstatement to say that the largest problem within Christianity today is the exclusion of Jesus's kingship from the gospel."

Matthew Bates "Gospel Allegiance"

Aren't all these speaking Galileans?



Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15:20

How is it that we all hear them in our own languages?

On the morning of the third day there was thunder and lightning, with a thick cloud over the mountain, and a very loud trumpet blast. Everyone in the camp trembled. Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain. Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the Lord descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, and the whole mountain trembled violently. As the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke and the voice of God answered him. Exodus 19:16-19

What does this mean?

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Matthew 9:36-38

Community Group Questions:

1. Why do you think the Ascension needs to be an important part of the Gospel?
2. How does the Holy Spirit equip us today to continue the mission of Pentecost?
3. What does it look like for you to participate in the harvest Jesus describes in Matthew 9:36-38?

