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ACTS 1:6-9, 2:1-13

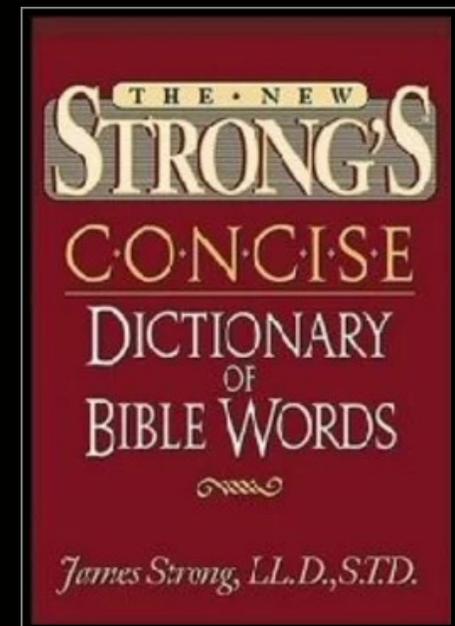
6 So when they had gathered together, they began to ask him, “Lord, is this the time when you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” **7** He told them, “You are not permitted to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.” **9** After he had said this, while they were watching, he was lifted up and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:6–9 (NET)

ω **epaírō**, ep-ahee'-ro;

to raise up (literally or figuratively):
—exalt self, poise (lift, take) up.



32 This Jesus God raised up, and we are all witnesses of it. **33** 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.

34 For David did not ascend into heaven,
but he himself says,

‘The Lord said to my lord, “Sit at my right
hand **35** until I make your enemies a
footstool for your feet.”’

36 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)

13 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.

14 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.”



Dr. Patrick Schreiner - Western Seminary

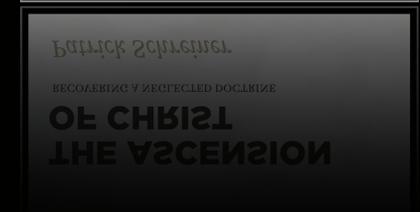
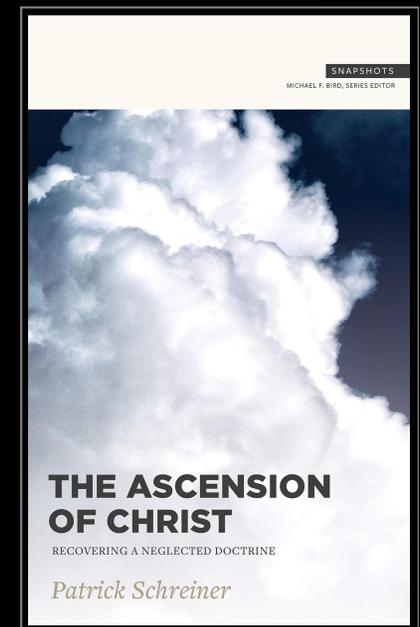
**But I tell you, from now on you will see the
Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the
Power and coming on the clouds of
heaven.**

Matthew 26:64

“Jesus ascent confirmed and authorized the incarnate Son’s authority. Disappearing into the clouds was only half of the story. He emerged on the other side into heaven as the king to whom all authority has been given.

The ascension was Jesus' enthronement, his installation, his induction, his coronation. Without it, Christ's kingly work is incomplete."

Dr. Patrick Schreiner







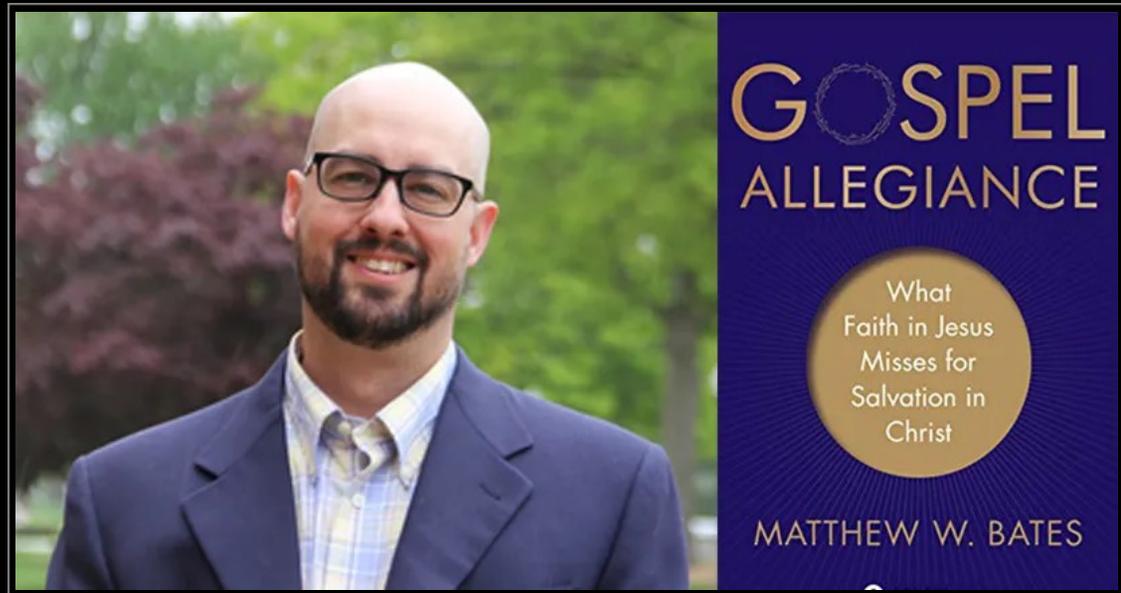
The Lion King



The Lion King - Disney Films 1994



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





1 Now when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like a violent wind blowing came from heaven and filled the entire house where they were sitting.

3 And tongues spreading out like a fire appeared to them and came to rest on each one of them. **4** All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

5 Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven residing in Jerusalem. **6** When this sound occurred, a crowd gathered and was in confusion, because each one heard them speaking in his own language.

7 Completely baffled, they said, “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? **8** And how is it that each one of us hears them in our own native language?”

9 Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and the province of Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own languages about the great deeds God has done!”

12 All were astounded and greatly confused, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” **13** But others jeered at the speakers, saying, “They are drunk on new wine!”



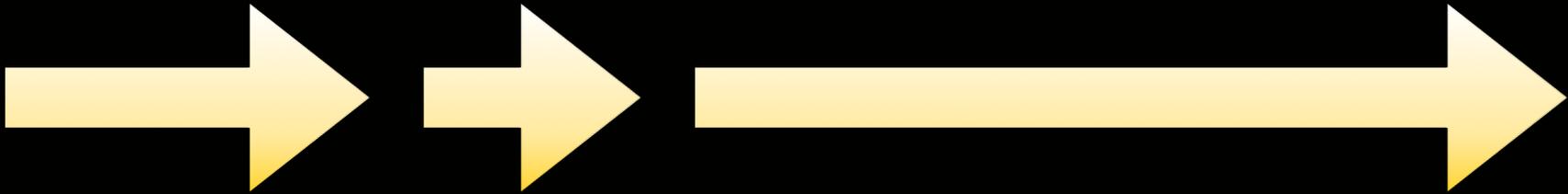
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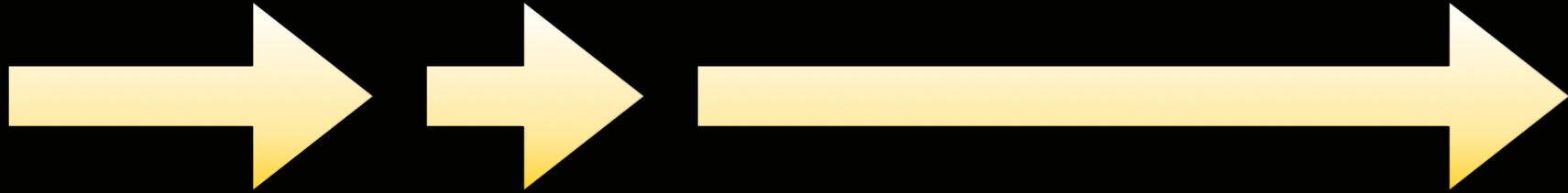


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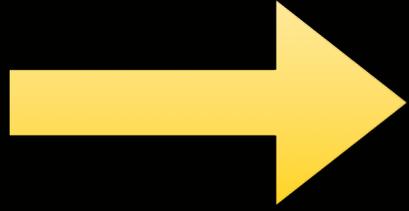
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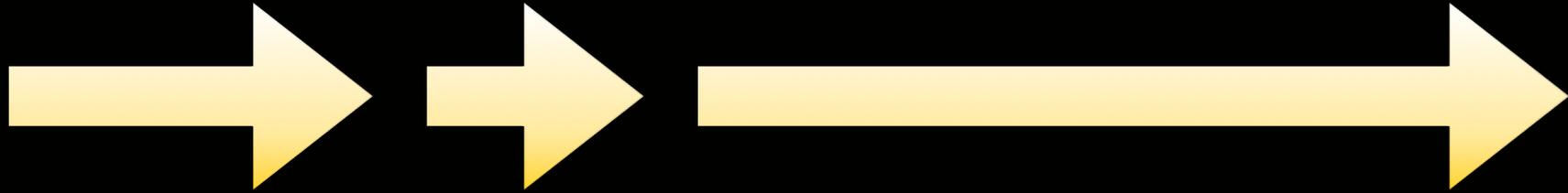
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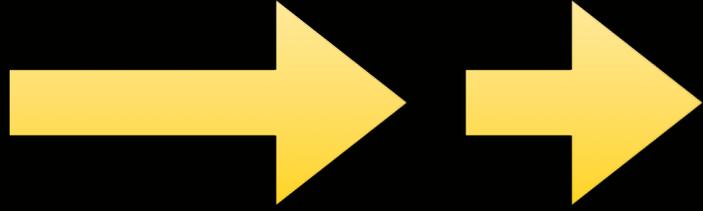
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Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

1 Corinthians 15:20





*How is it we hear
them in our own
languages?*

16 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. **17** Then Moses led the people out of the camp to meet with God, and they stood at the foot of the mountain.

18 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. **19** 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?



36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. **38** Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:36–38



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