

## Reign, King Jesus, Reign

Luke 24:50-53

Acts 1:9-11

### **What did the Ascension mean for Christ?**

He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe. (Ephesians 4:10)

Who, being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped... (Philippians 2:6)

To which of the angels did God say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? (Hebrews 1:13)

"Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:56)

I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lamp stands, and among the lamp stands was someone "like a son of man," dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In his right hand he held seven stars, and out of his mouth came a sharp double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. (Revelations 1:12-16)

### **What does Christ's Ascension mean for us?**

1. One day those in Christ will be raised with Him.
2. In one sense, the work of salvation in Christ is completed.
3. In another sense, it means Christ's work of salvation is ongoing.

Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let's not let it slip through our fingers.

We don't have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He's been through weakness and testing, experienced it all – all but the sin.

So, let's walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

4. It was necessary in order for Christ to send the Holy Spirit.
5. It looks ahead to Christ's return in glory at the end of the age.