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The God-Man Exalted in Glory

Lesson 5 • Acts 1:9; 3:13; 1 Timothy 3:16

What Was Jesus Doing at the Ascension?

Beginning His ministry in heaven, while continuing His ministry on earth. Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-11

Where Did Jesus Go in the Ascension?

*Back home to heaven in His human body to be exalted with the **GLORY** of God in the presence of God.*

- Jesus prayed for this the night before He was crucified! *John 17:5, 24*
- His first disciples were eyewitnesses of this happening! *Acts 1:9*
- Peter preached this to the Jewish people when he called them to repentance! *Acts 3:13*
- The Early Church said it and sang it together in worship! *1 Timothy 3:16*
- Daniel the prophet saw it in a vision of the coming of the "Son of Man"! *Daniel 7:13-14*

Five Reasons Why the Man in Glory Matters

1. Jesus' Glorification Is a **PREVIEW** of Our Own.

- Jesus took our **HUMANITY** with Him into God's glorious presence.

"The dust of the earth is on the Throne of the universe." – Rabbi Duncan

Is Jesus the First to Have a Glorified Human Body in Heaven?

- Translation of Enoch and Elijah?
- Transfiguration of Jesus with Elijah and Moses?

- Jesus' human body is now a **GLORIFIED** body present with and partaking of God's glory.

Jesus Has the Same Body but Different!

Incarnation → Humiliation → Crucifixion → Resurrection → Ascension → Exaltation in Glory!

1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 John 3:2

2. Jesus' Glorification Is a **REWARD** for His Obedience.

Philippians 2:8-11

- The Suffering **SERVANT** is now exalted in glory as the Sovereign Savior. *Acts 3:13; Isaiah 49:5-7*
- The Servant of God receives the glory the Son of God **NEVER** lost. *John 17:5, 22-24*

Jesus Is One Person with Two Natures!

"His unique glory is that of the obedient suffering servant of the Lord who perfectly fulfilled the Father's will in the divine plan of salvation." – Derek Prime

3. Jesus' Glorification Is a COMFORT to the Suffering.

- Jesus' earthly obedience was PERFECTED through His suffering. *Hebrews 5:7-10*
- Jesus' heavenly glorification makes POSSIBLE His merciful intercession. *Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16*

4. Jesus' Glorification Is a PROMISE: *The Best Is Yet to Come!*

Philippians 3:20-21; Romans 8:28-30

- Your best life is NOT now: *Cross before crown! Groaning before glory! Suffering before seeing Him!*
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
- Your best life is the one to COME: *Being glorified in the presence of God with His people in His place!*

5. Jesus' Glorification Is a REMINDER: *He's Coming Again in Glory!*

"They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? 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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-56

"BEHOLD, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen." Revelation 1:7

LOOK UP to the Man in glory and be encouraged to **LIVE OUT** His message and mission despite sin, suffering, sickness, and even the separation of death!

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Originally written in Latin, it is attributed to the Venerable Bede (673–735), a monk at the Northumbrian monastery of Monkwearmouth and one of the most important scholars of the Early Middle Ages.

The version used in most twentieth-century English-language hymnals appears to be a mashup of Charles (from whom comes the title and first line “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”) and Webb, with additional editorial alterations. For example, here’s what’s in *Christian Worship: A Lutheran Hymnal* (1993), which is credited as a composite translation:

A hymn of glory let us sing!
New songs throughout the world shall ring:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand.
Alleluia, alleluia!
And with his followers they see
their Lord ascend in majesty.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry,
“Why stand and gaze upon the sky?”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“This is the Savior,” thus they say.
“This is his glorious triumph day.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

“You see him now, ascending high
up to the portals of the sky.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
“Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty.”
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord,
and be our future great reward.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Then, throned with you forever, we
shall praise your name eternally.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth accord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

