

The Last Week Of Jesus' Life

The Resurrection and The Ascension

1 Corinthians 15:1-19

January 18, 2023

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- Jesus showed Himself alive for 40 days. Acts 1:3
- All things must be fulfilled. Luke 24:48
- Apostles to go to the city (Jerusalem) and wait. Luke 24:49
- Wait for the promise of the Father. Acts 1:4, 8

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- A proof of His **Messiahship.** John 6:62
- Enabled the **sending of the Holy Spirit.** John 16:5-7
- Established Jesus as **King** over His Kingdom. Mark 16:19.
 - "*Right hand of God*" – Position of favor, trust, and power. Acts 2:33ff; Psalms 110:1
 - Daniel 7:13-14 – Daniel's vision prophesied this event. cf. Ephesians 1:20-23

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- Established Him to serve as **High Priest** over the House of God. Hebrews 4:14-16
 - Offer Himself as **sacrifice for sins.** Hebrews 9:24, 11-12.
 - **He intercedes** (pleads our cause) for us. Hebrews 9:24; 7:25.
 - Establishes our **Hope.** 1 Thessalonians 4:13, 16-17; Acts 1:10-11
- 1 Timothy 3:16, "*And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; He who was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the spirit, Seen of angels, Preached among the nations, Believed on in the world,*
- 6 *Received up in glory.*"

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Jesus' Appearance AFTER His Ascension 1 Corinthians 15:8; Acts 9:1-5; 22:6-8; 26:12-15

To Paul. "Last of all."

- To bear the name of Christ. Acts 9:15
- To be a witness. Acts 22:14-15

"to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:18

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11. **To Paul. Jesus' appearance AFTER His ascension.** 1 Corinthians 15:8; Acts 9:1-5; 22:6-8; 26:12-15

A Kingdom Which Cannot Be Moved

Hebrews 12:22-28

Kingdom Prophesied

- Daniel 2:44-45 Kingdom would not be destroyed.
- Daniel 7:13-14 Kingdom given when Son of Man ascends.

Kingdom "At Hand"

- John the Baptist. Matthew 3:1-3
- Jesus. Matthew 4:17; Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 16:28; Mark 9:1
- Apostles. Matthew 10:5-7
- The 70. Luke 10:1-9

The Kingdom To Be Established

- Jesus Himself promised the keys of the kingdom.

Matthew 16:18-19 *And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.*

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- Jews were looking for an earthly kingdom. John 6:15
cf. Mark 11:9-10; Mark 15:13-14
- His disciples did not fully understand the nature of His kingdom. Cf. Matthew 18:1; 20:21; Acts 1:6; cf. Luke 19:11

Key Verses Regarding the Kingdom

- Jesus told Pilate He was born to be a king.

John 18:36-37 *Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."*

The Kingdom of God is Established

He instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father (cf. Luke 24:49-53; Acts 1:4)

The Spirit (promise – power delivered) would guide the apostles into all truth

- Previously taught things would be remembered. John 16:13; 14:26
- Jesus after speaking to the apostles about things concerning the kingdom (Acts 1:3) ascended to heaven. (Acts 1:9-11)

Key Verses Regarding the Kingdom

Daniel 2:44 *"And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever."*

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Cf. Daniel 7:13-14 *"I saw in the night-visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed" (Cf. Acts 2:32-33)*

Cf. Ephesians 1:20-23 *"...which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly (places), far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Cf. Hebrews 12:28)*