

EASTER

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Enthroned & Ruling: God's Son made King
Acts 2:32-36

Recap

The identity of Jesus - God affirmed it. (Acts 2:22)

The plan for Jesus - God ordained his death and resurrection. (Acts 2:23-28)

The ascendancy of Jesus to David's Throne - God promised it. (Acts 2:29-31)

Jesus's Resurrection Preceded His Ascension To His Eternal Throne

Acts 2:32 *This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.*

Ephesians 1:19b *...the working of his great might so that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.*

Ascending To His Eternal Throne, King Jesus Sends the Holy Spirit

1. As God's "right hand man", Jesus has all power, honor and authority.

Acts 2:33a *Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God...*

2. As God's authoritative king, Jesus gifts his loyal subjects the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:33b *and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.*

Now Enthroned, Jesus' Kingdom Advances On Earth

Acts 2:34 *For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, 35 until I make your enemies your footstool."*

How does the giving of the Holy Spirit relate to Jesus's expanding Kingdom?

The Spirit works in the world to reveal...

John 16:7 *Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:*

1. ...the truth of sin.

John 16:9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

2. ...the righteousness of Jesus.

John 16:10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer;

3. ...the consequence of unbelief.

John 16:11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

The Spirit works in the church to...

1. ...connect his people to his kingly rule.

John 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

2. ...reveal Jesus to and through his people.

John 16:14 "He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

3. ...unite us to the Father and Son.

John 16:15 "All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Conclusion: The Crucified, Risen, Enthroned King of Israel is Truly the King of the World

Acts 2:36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Reflect, Discuss, Apply

Read Matthew 28:18-19: And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

a. In light of Christ's life, death, resurrection, enthronement and sending of the Spirit, how would you articulate your participation in the "Great Kingdom Expansion"?

b. Looking forward to the certainty of Jesus's fully established Kingdom (Acts 2:34-35), how is King Jesus directing you, through his Spirit, to glorify Jesus (John 16:14) in your relationships?

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"God Is For Us"

"We Crown You"

"Forever"

BUDGET

Giving Last Week: \$43,956.80

Weekly Need: \$38,322.00

YTD Giving: \$285,939.64

YTD General Need: \$344,898.00

Altamont Expansion Fund (3/5): \$126,562.98

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