

# Jesus Ascends to Heaven

**Matthew 28:16-20**

*The Great Commission*

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them.

17 And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 19 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”



**Mark 16:19-20**

So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1

## **Luke 24:51-53**

**While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.**

## **Acts 1:3, 6-11**

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**He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.**

**6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”**

**7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 end of the earth.”**

**9 And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.**

**10 And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”**

## A Closer Look: *Jesus is King*

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He promised to send the Holy Spirit. The Comforter is with us as we spread the Gospel and live for Him. Jesus will return at the second coming to take all believers to be with Him eternally.

1. **Jesus is King of the universe, King of Heaven and King of our hearts.**
  - a. **Some thought Jesus would rule here on earth. What power does Jesus have over the universe?** ~ *He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the Word of His power. Hebrews 1:3*
  - b. **Jesus is the King of heaven. What is under His control?** ~ *(Stephen said,) “It was Solomon who built a house for Him. 48 Yet the Most High does not dwell in houses made by hands, as the prophet says, 49 ‘Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. What kind of house will you build for Me,’ says the Lord, ‘or what is the place of My rest? 50 Did not My hand make all these things?’” Acts 7:47-50*
  - c. **Because of God’s grace, Jesus willingly suffered in our place so that we may share eternity with Him. What role does He play in the hearts of all believers?** ~ *Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, 25 to the only God, our Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25*
2. **An earthly king eventually loses his throne. How long will Jesus reign?** ~ *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end. Luke 1:32-33*

3. **The disciples wanted Jesus to be with them forever. Jesus knew He must return to His heavenly Kingdom. What did Jesus promise He would do?** ~ *“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.” John 14:3*
4. **Jesus wanted the disciples and others to witness His ascension. Why do you think this was important?** ~ *(The angels said,) “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.” Acts 1:11*
5. **If Jesus is King of the Universe, what role does He play in our daily lives?** ~ *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7*
6. **As a Christian, our salvation is secured. How should this give us boldness to proclaim the Gospel?** ~ *In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:37-39*
7. **How can we stand firm in God’s promises during difficult situations?** ~ *For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. 13 As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. Psalm 103:11-13*