

Major Event: His Ascension and Session

Lesson 1: Ascension and Session

Scripture: Acts 1:1-11

Central Text:

Acts 1:9 - And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Suggested subjects for teacher to cover:

Ascension of Christ

Eph 4:8 Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, And He gave gifts to men."

Eph 4:9 (Now this expression, "He ascended," what does it mean except that He also had descended into the lower parts of the earth?

Eph 4:10 He who descended is Himself also He who ascended far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things.)

Session of Christ (Seated at God's right hand)

Romans 8:34 "who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us."

Colossians 3:1 "Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God."

Hebrews 10:12 "but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God,"

Hebrews 12:2 "fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Jesus our High Priest being seated indicates His work is complete as opposed to the OT high priest whose work was never complete.

Jesus remains seated at God's right hand until He returns at the 2nd Advent to establish His millennial kingdom (Psalm 110:1; Acts 2:35; Hebrews 1:13; 10:13).

At the right hand of God, Jesus makes intercession for believers and acts as their Advocate:

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, **since He always lives to make intercession for them** (cf. Rom. 8:34)

1 Jn 2:1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, **we have an Advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous;

1 Jn 2:2 and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.