

Jesus The Messiah: Session 10: Resurrection and Glory

Acts 2:22-36: (22) *You men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved by God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know: (23) Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:*

(24) Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that he should be held by it. (25) For David speaks concerning him, "I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved,

(26) "Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: (27) "Because you will not leave my soul in hell, neither will you allow your Holy One to see corruption.

(28) "You have made known to me the ways of life; you shall make me full of joy with your countenance." (29) Men, brothers, let me freely speak to you about the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulcher is with us to this day.

(30) Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; (31) He, seeing this before, spoke of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

(32) This Jesus has God raised up, of which we all are witnesses. (33)

Therefore being exalted by the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has shed forth this, which you now see and hear.

(34) For David has not ascended into the heavens: but he says himself, "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, (35) 'Until I make your foes your footstool.'"

(36) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Luke 24:25-27: *(25) ...O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: (26) Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? (27) And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.*

Events Surrounding the Resurrection of Christ

A complete picture of the Resurrection of Messiah includes several different events or episodes, each having its own significance. Some must be discussed together in order to make sense, but they include:

1. The Descent into Hell
2. The Resurrection
3. The Ascension
4. The Glorification
5. The Outpouring

6. The Enthronement and
Intercessory Ministry of Christ

7. The ongoing work of the
Trinity in building the Church

The Descent into Hell

(9) ...my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

(10) For you will not leave my soul in hell; neither will you allow your Holy One to see corruption. (11) You will show me the path of life: in your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand there are pleasures for evermore. (Ps. 16:9-10)

What was Christ accomplishing in Hell?

1. Emptying of Abraham's Bosom: Psalm 68:18 says: *You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive...*

2. Proclamation to the spirits in prison: 1 Peter 3:19-20 says: *[By the Spirit] also He went and preached (proclaimed) to the spirits in prison; who in time past were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared...*

3. Spoiling of Satan: *I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (Rev. 1:18)*
Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; having

spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it. (Col. 2:14-15)

2. The Resurrection: Peter uses Psalm 16 to demonstrate that the Messiah would not be dead long enough to see decay. Other passages which speak of Christ's humiliation speak of Him living again.

- Psalm 22:25 says, *My praise shall be of thee in the great congregation...*
- Isaiah 53:10 says *he shall prolong his days.*
- Isaiah 53:12 says *he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death...*

3. The Ascension and Glorification

As we mentioned already in part, Psalm 68:18 says, *You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts for men; yes, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.*

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Therefore he says, "When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men." (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and

some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

(Eph. 4:7-12)

4. The Outpouring of the Spirit

But this He spoke of the Spirit, which those who believe on Him would receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (John 7:39)

For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring...

(Isa. 44:3)

And it shall come to pass afterward, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. (Joel 2:28-29)

5. The enthronement and intercessory ministry of Christ

Psalm 110:1 says, "The LORD said unto my Lord, 'Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.'"

Your throne, O God is forever and ever; a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom. (Heb. 1:8, quote from Ps. 45:6)

I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, "Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." (Psalm 2:7-8)