

Jesus Christ – His Exaltation

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Theology of Christ in the Apostles' Creed:	
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead & buried; and descended into Hades.	The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

The Third Day He Rose Again From the Dead

This is the central event in all of history.

- If He rose from the dead, He is God, the Bible is true, and He is the only way of salvation.
- If He didn't arise from the dead, everything is up for grabs!

Evidences that He arose:

1. The changed lives of the apostles.
2. The many appearances witnessed by many people.
3. The change in the day of worship.
4. The change in the way time is measured.
5. The new institution called the church.
6. The New Testament.
7. The empty tomb.

Everyone must make a decision about the resurrection!

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He Ascended Into Heaven

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Why did He do this?

1. It was where He belonged.
2. It was prophecy.
3. It was to bring His ministry to a conclusion.
4. It was to be a picture of His second coming.

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And Sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

1. He did this because it is the place of honour.
2. He did this because His work was finished.

"Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God." - Hebrews 10:11,12

3. He did this so He could intercede for us.

"Then I heard a voice in heaven say: 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accused them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.'" - Revelation 12:10

From There He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead

The facts are that...

1. He is coming back.
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