

Risen, Ascended, Seated (Acts 1:9-11, Ephesians 1:15-23)

If you were asked what the most significant events of Christ's life are, what would you say? Fill in the blank: _____

What is often missed

And yet the Nicene Creed includes it, and the NT stresses it
eg. Eph. 1:20, John 6:62, Acts 5:30-31; also Psalm 110 etc.

But why should I care? In fact, isn't it abandonment?
...yet, Luke 24:52-53...

The ascension: what the risen Christ is **presently doing** as a result of **who he is**

1. Jesus' Arrival as Man

Acts 1:9 – a departure story?

Daniel 7:13-14 – an arrival story!

What's the big deal?

Ascension – not merely physical relocation, but a status recalibration

When Jesus returned to heaven, what did he return as?

"This same Jesus" (Acts 1:11)

'One of the greatest wonders of the ascension is that a human being is now in the presence of God. Human flesh is now with God.'

– Tim Chester & Jonny Woodrow

Tells us something profound about God's purposes

2. Jesus seated as King

"At the right hand of the Father"

A man now reigns over God's creation! Why that matters from Gen 1

If Christ is King, there must be a people who gladly acknowledge his kingship,
a.k.a the C_____.

How can we be such people in a world that resists his reign?

3. Jesus seated as Priest

Hebrews 4:14

Old covenant priests (Heb 10:11) vs Jesus (Heb. 10:12, cf. 1:3)

Jesus' priestly work in heaven continues, through i_____. (Heb. 7:25)

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Your comfort

One final encouragement – seated with Christ (Eph 2:6)