

## **Risen From The Dead: Who Is This Jesus?**

### **Colossians 1:18**

Introduction:

In 2004, the deadliest tsunami in recorded history killed at least 230,000 people from 14 coastal countries lining the Indian Ocean. Indonesia suffered the worst losses. A tsunami is a wave caused by a massive displacement of water resulting from an earthquake, volcano, or other underwater geological event. Very long, shallow waves, sometimes longer than 100 miles long and only a few feet high, radiate from the center of geologic activity in rings of waves that crash upon the closest land. Tsunami waves travel across oceans at the speed of a commercial airliner. As the wave approaches shore, it slows in speed and length by factors of ten as it builds a high wall of water up to a hundred times its open-ocean height. If the wall of water, mud and debris pushes into populated areas, the death toll is massive. Tsunami response education teaches people living in vulnerable areas to recognize an approaching tsunami by feeling, seeing and hearing the signs of its arrival and moving inland to higher ground to safety. Similar to the 2004 geologic event, the ascension and exaltation of Jesus often get little attention. Though unheralded, Christ's ascension and exaltation are the epicenter of massive shifts in the earth and the heavens. The effects of Christ's return to glory at the right hand of the Father are spectacular and devastating. Jesus displaced the authority of Satan on the earth. The waves of His Lordship are crashing upon one person, family, church, city, and county at a time culminating a cultural tsunami where states and nations—even the whole world—will succumb to the unstoppable reign of Christ.

**Who is this Jesus who rose from the dead?**

**Who is this Jesus who rose from the dead, today?**

**Who do we follow when we go to school, work, or our home?**

**What does tomorrow look like for us if we follow King Jesus?**

**Before answering the question, "Who is Jesus today"?, let's talk a minute about who He is not.**

- **He is not the \_\_\_\_\_ in a manger we celebrate during the Christmas season.**
- **He is not the \_\_\_\_\_ Savior from OT prophecy.**
- **He is not just the Jesus who \_\_\_\_\_ on a cross.**
- **He is not the dead Jesus who was \_\_\_\_\_ in a borrowed tomb.**
- **He is not just the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus although He is alive today!**

**What happened to Jesus after the resurrection? Who is He today?**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus to Heaven. (40 days after the resurrection)

- Acts 1:8-11
- John 16:28
- Luke 24:25-26; 50-53

It is true to say the Transfiguration (Mt. 16) foreshadowed the glory of Christ's coming Ascension and enthronement. Even more amazingly, we could say the Resurrection, as the spectacular explosion into time and space of a whole new creation provided the prelude ("phase one" if you will) for the full "symphony" of Christ's eternal dominion. But the Ascension offered even more. It transformed the Transfiguration and the Resurrection from momentary acts, on a mountain top and in a garden, into a permanent state to impact everything from here to eternity, both now and later. -David Bryant

Why was the early Church's vision of the Savior so expansive and so highly exalting? The simple answer: Beyond His incarnation, crucifixion and Resurrection, 1st century Christians lived daily in the full awareness of Christ's Ascension (Acts 2). Their hearts were set on His coronation and current position at God's right hand (Col. 3). They breathed the very air of His active role from the throne of Heaven, holding sway as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords that He already was. -David Bryan

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus in Heaven.

- He was given a \_\_\_\_\_ above every name.

**Philippians 2:11**

- He is granted a \_\_\_\_\_ at the right hand of the Father.

**Psalm 110:1**

**Acts 2:33-36**

**Ephesians 1:20**

- He is given \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ over all things.

**Ephesians 1:21-23**

### **1 Peter 3:21-22**

The exaltation of Christ that followed the ascension was Jesus' coronation to heaven's throne. The glory He left behind in coming to earth was returned to Him, along with the new glory of all that He victoriously accomplished here. God gave Him the universe's highest place of honor and the highest name of honor, along with the glory of His enemies' humiliation. From this place, Jesus exercises His reign as King of Kings and Lord of Lords

### **3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of King Jesus**

- **He is the great High \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 4:14-15; 9:12; 7:24)**
- **He is our \_\_\_\_\_. (Romans 8:32-34; 1 John 2:1-2)**
- **He is our \_\_\_\_\_ (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 8:24-26; John 14:12-14)**
- **He is \_\_\_\_\_ for our arrival in Heaven for eternity. (John 14:2-3)**
- **He Invites us to a personal \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. (Philippians 3:8; Colossians 2:6; John 15:1-15) (Vine and Branches)**

So the next time you are tempted to worship something else with your love and life, remember that there is One who has ascended to heaven. He is wearing the crown of the universe. Heaven revolves around him; the earth revolves because of him. If he will not be the center of your life and your affections, who or what will be? Are these things being worshiped right now by millions of angels? Have they been exalted by the Father? When you put it that way, they all look like sad and pathetic little substitutes for Jesus. We only have one King who is worthy of worship. This explains why, according to Luke, the disciples spent their days in the temple praising God. Who else would they praise? -Mike McKinley

### **Who is this King Jesus and How Does His Supremacy Affect Us?**

- **He Reigns with \_\_\_\_\_**

### **King Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Us**

In some computer gaming and sports circles, the slang phrase "you got owned" or "he owned you" is a high-caliber insult. It describes the permanent humiliation of an opponent that is decisively dominated in competition. It's important to understand that Jesus makes claims of ownership over us as well. This is not out of a heart to humiliate us, but to cherish us, and to permanently dominate and dethrone any would-be competitor from the throne of our hearts.

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

**Colossians 2:12**

**Colossians 1:13**

**God has appointed a regent, Jesus Christ, who has been elevated above all to rule over history. Believing in God or calling on Him is not enough to access the authority that comes through Christ. It is your relationship with Jesus Christ that determines what happens in history, because He has been placed above all rule and authority and by virtue of who He is, demands first place. -Tony Evans**

**There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine! -Abraham Kuyper**

- **He Reigns \_\_\_\_\_ Us**

→ **Our \_\_\_\_\_**

→ **Our \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

→ **Our \_\_\_\_\_**

→ **Life \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_**

→ **Our \_\_\_\_\_**

How much time does it take for meaningful engagement with the Lord? With His Church? With the lost?

- **He Reigns \_\_\_\_\_ Us**

★ \_\_\_\_\_

★ **Make \_\_\_\_\_**

**Matthew 28:18-20**

**Revelation 7:9**

**Matthew 24:14**

**2 Corinthians 5:17-21**

Conclusion:

When Jesus saved us, we were transferred into His Kingdom and given a critical role in it. We don't just follow His orders, but we have a privileged relationship with Him unlike any relationship between a citizen and a Head of State. We were created to belong to Him in a very unique and special relationship where He is holy God, reigning King, and intimate friend. He gives us boundaries to live within because He loves us and has a purpose for our lives that can

only be fulfilled when we surrender to His loving Lordship. Like Adam and Eve, we have moment-by-moment choices to make. Will we trust in His Word, or in alternative sources of information around or inside of us? God wants to set us free from the tyranny of lesser things, that we might soar for Him.

...People attend and participate in church under one kingdom, then go out into the world Monday-Saturday and function under the influence of another kingdom...Satan is ruling people's lives because they are yielding the power to him—not by way of any rightful authority that he has, but simply because of a failure to align their thoughts and decisions under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. By abandoning the union we were created to have with Christ, under His headship, authority is lost. By not giving Jesus Christ the proper place in our homes, church and world—the first place that He deserves—we lose His covering. All of life for a kingdom follower ought to be summed up in the recognition of the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

-Tony Evans