

# Jesus Sat Down....

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*2 weeks ago we covered Jesus' Resurrection*

LAST WEEK we spoke of His **Ascension**—that He entered into the Heavenly Temple and made Intercession for us, presenting Himself as both the High Priest of the Heavens and the eternal Blood Sacrifice for the sin of the world.

**When Jesus was done with this amazing act of love, what did He do next?**

How does this apply to our PRAYER life?

**After Jesus was arrested at Gethsemane** He was brought in chains before the High Priest Caiaphas who listened to several witnesses trying to incriminate the Lord, then Caiaphas asked Him “what do you have to say in response? Are you truly the Messiah and Son of God?” Jesus answer stunned the audience:

**[Mat 26:64 ESV]** 64 Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

This is what Mark recounts in his gospel:

**[Mar 16:19 ESV]** 19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

The writer of Hebrews presents it in order:

**[Heb 10:12 ESV]** 12 But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

**Jesus laid out the last 2 parts of His journey** for all to hear! 1) Seated at the right hand of God and 2) Coming back to earth riding on the clouds (which Jews knew only God did).

After He presented Himself to Father God, He returned to the place He started from: **His heavenly throne.** Everything finally came full circle for our Lord and Savior!

**What's He doing there? Just...resting?** We need to know because THIS is the current state of things. IDK about you, but I want the next stage to happen—the trumpet sounds, the whole 9 yards. That's the impatient side of me talking and wondering WHAT He's doing right now. *“What is He waiting for?!”* that side of me says.

**Jesus isn't just resting and hanging out.** He's not just sitting around and waiting. Jesus being seated on His throne is an *integral part in His journey* and the unfolding of His perfect plan. Him being seated applies to you and I right now and plays a part in our journey—*what we can be doing right now before He comes back.*

Back in the day there were **2 reasons Kings sat down on the throne:** 1) to display their VICTORY over enemies and 2) to hold COURT. Let's go over both.

VICTORY. When a king was victorious over another nation, the enemy king was captured alive and put in chains. He was then paraded through the town square trying to duck and dodge all things the locals were throwing at him and enduring their insults. He was finally brought before the throne of the victorious king and forced to get down on all 4's before him. The victorious king would then use the defeated king as a footstool.

This last act was known as **“putting enemies under his feet.”** With this in mind, let's reread another famous saying of Jesus that baffled His listeners:

**[Luk 20:41-44 ESV]** 41 But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son? 42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "**Sit at my right hand, 43 until I make your enemies your footstool.**" 44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

In these verses Jesus quotes *Psalms 110* where God the Father is speaking to His Son, telling Him to “sit at His right hand.” Why Father God seating His Son there: *so that all the enemies He defeated are brought before Him and He uses them as a footrest.* In other words, **Jesus is ALREADY victorious.**

**Sometimes we get frustrated hearing that...at least I do.** The devil still seems to be quite active as well as sin, sickness, and death. So let me put it this way: sometimes a person is found guilty of a crime and even sentenced to jail, but they're still on their own recognizance. They get a letter stating to show up to court on a specific date to be placed in cuffs and taken to the jail.

**That's the case with sin, death, disease, and Satan.** They've been tried, convicted, found guilty, and sentenced to death. Only Jesus knows the date when He'll put them in chains and have them dragged through the town square and up to His throne, where they'll be forced to kneel down and He'll use them for His personal footstool! When the day comes, there's nowhere they can run and hide! They won't be able to "resist arrest" or evade! They WILL be brought before the Lord and we'll be done with them once and for all, PRAISE GOD!

**[Col 2:15 NKJV]** 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, **He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.**

"Principalities and powers" aren't just fallen angelic beings but SYSTEMS and governments...yes, they have them too. ***When Jesus seated Himself on the heavenly throne, He put the Satanic systems of sin, death, and condemnation on notice that HE WON.***

**Jesus will sit there until these enemies are brought before Him!**

Then He will return to earth and establish His eternal Kingdom!

HOLDING COURT. When a King sat on his throne he was "holding court" which could mean several different things such as conducting business within his administration (legislation, executive, judicial).

**It would also mean hearing the pleas and grievances of his people** who would literally line up out the door. In this scenario the subject would approach the throne, bend the knee, and confess the lordship of the king first...then make his appeal. Maybe ask for added protection from bandits, some food because his crops were wiped out by a fire, settle a boundary dispute with a neighbor.

Do you remember the **famous scene with King Solomon**, approached by 2 woman both claiming the baby was theirs? That was him holding court and 2 of his subjects approaching him as king to settle a dispute.

***Now let's put all things together and apply them to our prayer life.***

**#1. We have the ability, all of the time, to approach the King and Creator of all things and make our pleas known.** He's been sitting down and holding court for the last 2000 years.

**[Heb 4:16 ESV]** 16 Let us then **with confidence** draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Don't worry about long lines because this is God we're talking about.** In a way that my puny mind can't understand, He multitasks 7.5 billion people without delay. In other words, every single time you and I pray **we're at the head of the line.**

**We can approach Jesus seated on His throne WITH CONFIDENCE because we're His bride.** Remember in the Book of Esther, she's married to Xerxes, the King of Persia. Xerxes is having a court cabinet/administration meeting one day and NO ONE is supposed to interrupt said meetings under pain of death. Esther knows time is of the essence so she can reveal Haman's murderous plot...so she goes in anyway, breaking all the Persian palace rules. Xerxes not only let's her get away with it, but listens to her plea, and takes it seriously. Why did she get a pass? Because she was his wife.

**We're engaged to be married to Jesus.** We can approach Him seated on His throne with completely confidence that He'll hear and take whatever we say seriously. HE'S LISTENING.

**[Psa 34:15, 17-18 ESV]** 15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. ... 17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. 18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

**[Psa 66:19-20 ESV]** 19 But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

**[1Jo 5:14-15 ESV]** 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

**#2: Jesus is able to grant anything because He won.**

**[Isa 45:23 ESV]** 23 By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

**[Phl 2:9-11 ESV]** 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him [Jesus] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus **Christ is Lord**, to the glory of God the Father.

**Some of you really pay attention to elections.** The person who loses has to find some other destiny or purpose and has no power. Even if they were in the news, on talk shows, appearing with celebrities, and eating dinner with billionaires, the moment they lose it's over. Imagine trying to approach said person who has no executive, judicial, or legislative power and asking for something...they can't give it.

**What's more is that elections have consequences.** The new administration starts undoing what the last one did, and doing new stuff. ***The only Person Who elected Jesus was Father God and now Christ is in power...forever.***

**Jesus' victory over sin, death, Hades, and Satan means He's large and in charge.**

- Satan bothering you? Go to Jesus.
- Sin having too much influence in your life? Call upon Jesus.
- Needing some purpose or direction? Ask Jesus.
- Feeling sick or know someone who is? Let's go ask Jesus for healing.

***There's no angel that can stop this from happening.*** No President. No pastor or prophet. No parent. No spouse. No child. **Not even your ex.** No one can prevent us from approaching Jesus because He won and everyone is in subjection to Him.

**[1Pe 3:22 ESV]** 22 who [Jesus] has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers **having been subjected to him.**

Listen to what David said about prayer:

**[Psa 32:6 ESV]** 6 Therefore **let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;** surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

**When can the Lord "be found"?** Right now. The moment He gets up off that seat, court is over and it's time for battle. RIGHT NOW is the time for prayer!

**[Psa 69:13 ESV]** 13 But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. **At an acceptable time**, O God, in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

**What's the “acceptable time” for God to hear our prayers?** When He's holding court. He's still accepting requests because the trumpet has not yet sounded...so maybe we shouldn't be so impatient for the end times to get going. **Maybe we should PRAY NOW while we still can.**

**[Phl 4:6-7 ESV]** 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything **by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.** 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**So many people are seeking to “preserve their peace” nowadays**, and the only way to have it is when we've done verse 6: made our thanksgiving and requests to the Lord.

**[1Pe 3:12 ESV]** 12 For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and **his ears are open to their prayer.** But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Peter tells his church to turn away from evil words and actions, showing us the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous. ***Have you been made so by the Blood of Jesus?*** Then the Lord is listening!

**Which do we do more of: complaining or praying?**

- Which is more effective?
- Which does God hear?
- Which does God act upon?

**[Psa 5:2 ESV]** 2 Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you do I pray.

**[1Ti 2:8 ESV]** 8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

***Notice that the “lifting of the holy hands” has to do with prayer.*** Notice also that “anger and quarreling” is not a petition to God and therefore something He doesn't act on.

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