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 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Seeing Jesus ascended and exalted

 Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain to a friend or family member where Jesus is today?
2. Where did Jesus say He was going? (**Back to His Father in heaven - see John 16:28**).
3. How did Jesus leave the earth? [**He ascended into heaven (in a glorified, resurrected physical body) - see Acts 1:9**].
4. According to Ephesians 4:8 – who did Jesus take with Him to heaven? (**He led a host of captives – see also Psalms 68:18**).

 Let's go deeper

5. Where is Jesus today? (**In heaven, seated at the right hand of God the Father – see Ps.110:1; Matthew 26:64; Daniel 7; Rev.19:11 – 16**).
6. How far does Jesus' rule extend right now? (**Matt. 11:27 – all things; John 3:35 – everything; Acts 10:36 – Lord over all; Col. 1:15; 16 – 18**).
7. What is Jesus doing right now? (**Preparing a place for us – John 14:2 and our Mediator between God and man – 1 Tim. 2:5**).
8. How is Jesus' power available to us right now? (**Matt.28:18, Jesus says, all authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. This is the complete supremacy and utter ruler ship of Jesus. And He makes it available to us**).

 Let's apply this

9. Read: Revelations 19: 11 – 16.
Jesus repeatedly answered the question, where he is today. He is in heaven alive and well. He died, He rose, He ascended. We call this the Exaltation of Jesus. During Jesus life on the earth we saw Him in His state of humble incarnation as a carpenter. And now that He returned to heaven, we must see Him in His state of glorious exaltation.

- Do u struggle with your prayer life or maybe your worship is uninspired?

It could be because you have a small carpenter picture of Jesus. You don't think of Jesus as Scripture portrays Him in His present state of glorified exaltation.

SUMMARY:

- Where is Jesus today?

Where did Jesus say He was going? Read: John 16:28 and John 20:17.

How did Jesus leave the earth? Read: Acts 1:9 – 11.

Where is Jesus right now? Read: Psalm 110:1.

Jesus repeatedly answered the question, where He is today. He is in heaven, alive and well. He died, He rose, He ascended. We call this the Exaltation of Jesus. And there are two truths to keep in mind. One is that, during Jesus' life on earth we saw Him in His state of humble incarnation as carpenter. And now that He is returned to heaven, we must see Him in His state of glorious exaltation – see **Rev. 19:11 – 16**.

How far does Jesus' rule extend right now?

In **Matthew 11:27**, He said, "All things have been committed to me by my Father." What is under the jurisdiction of Jesus? All things! In **John 3:35**, "Jesus says the Father loves the Son and has placed everything in His hands." What is in the hands of Jesus? Everything, nations, kings, kingdoms, times, philosophies, religion, places, tragedies. All are in the hands of Jesus. This is what we mean when we say that Jesus is Lord. That Jesus is sovereign. That nothing is beyond the control of His hand.

In **Acts 10:36**, "Jesus Christ is Lord over all." all nations, all races, cultures, religions, peoples, times, places. **Colossians 1:15**, "He, – Jesus – is the image of the invisible God the first-born over-all creation," over all creation over all plants, animals, galaxies, countries, over everyone and everything. **Colossians, 1:17-18**, "He is before all things. That He is eternal before anything came into existence and in Him all things hold together, He is the head of the body the Church. He is the beginning of the first born among the dead, so that in everything He might have supremacy."

What is Jesus doing for you right now?

Read: John 14:2; 1 Timothy 2:5; Hebrews 7:25 and Romans 8:34 – 35.

Jesus is our living Mediator; He's alive we can talk to Him. He hears, because He rules and reigns, He has the ability to answer prayer, to be involved in our lives, to change situations on the earth. Not only do we have these benefits during this life because of the accession of Jesus, into heaven. But He has gone there to prepare a place for us so that upon His coming or our death we shall be forever with Him.

How is Jesus' power available to you right now?

Read: Acts 1:8 – 9; Ephesians 1:22, 2:6 and Matthew 28:18 – 20.

Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on the earth." This is the complete supremacy and utter ruler ship of Jesus. That He rules over heaven, over earth, He rules over everything. As exalted, ascend, Lord God and Saviour.