



Week 7 - 2024

Jesus, Our Priest & King!

The second part of the Apostle's Creed summarizes core beliefs about Jesus Christ. Let's explore these intriguing phrases!

Where is Jesus now, and what is He doing? Why did He tell His disciples it was good for Him to go away in His Last Supper discussion?

* Discuss with your group -

- The TV show "The Chosen" has helped viewers consider the experience of being with Jesus during His ministry on Earth. What do you imagine it would have been like? When Jesus told the disciples He was going to be killed and no longer be with them, what fears do you think they had?
- When you think about where Jesus is now, what have you imagined?

Watch Video #7, then read and discuss, phrase by phrase...

"He ascended to Heaven..."

- Read Acts 1:9-11 - Jesus ascended to Heaven after His Resurrection, but promised that the Holy Spirit would be given to His followers.

"...and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty."

- Read Luke 22:66-71 - Jesus reveals His future position will be seated at the right hand of God's throne, fulfilling the Son of Man prophecy of Daniel 7:9-10 & 13-14
 - The Sanhedrin thought they were sitting in judgment on Jesus, but He will be future Judge of all mankind! That's why His statement made them angry.
- Jesus, our High Priest in Heaven: Read Hebrews 8:1-6, 9:11-14, and 10:11-25
- Jesus became our High Priest when He entered the Heavenly Temple to offer His own blood for atonement for sin, then sat down because He had completely dealt with sin. What aspects of Jesus' priestly role are most meaningful to you after reading those passages?
- Read Colossians 3:1-3 and Romans 8:31-34
- Hold that picture in your mind - Jesus is always praying for you and interceding on your behalf with the Father! Share what that means to you.

"From there He will come to judge the living and the dead."

- Jesus will be the final Judge of all beings, human and spirit - Revelation 20:11-15
- Because of His own humanity and suffering He can serve as judge
- Revelation chapters 4-7 describe the gathering of believers in Jesus who will not be judged, because they have been purchased by Jesus' blood and He has already redeemed them from judgment. They worship at His crystal throne.
- His return also results in Resurrection and glorification of our bodies

Read The Apostle's Creed together: What stands out to you this week?

ENCORE

JOURNEY

SCRIPTURE • BELIEFS • PRACTICES

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

(* not Roman Catholic, but all believers everywhere!)

True Reality

The Apostle's Creed reminds of us Christ's finished work, but also of the reality of Heaven and Hell. When we take this seriously, how should it impact how we live?