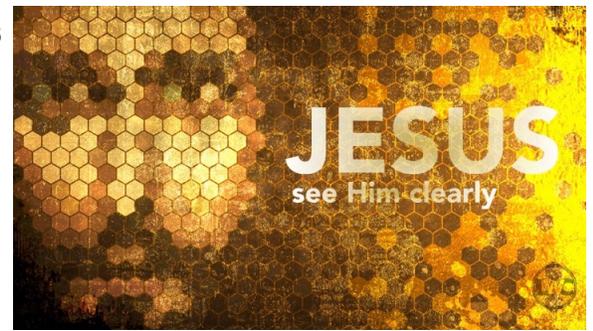




Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



Jesus-Ascended to the Father or Figment of Imagination?

Introduction: The Bible tells us that Jesus walked the earth and encountered over 500 people in a 40 day period. During that time he presented various proofs that he truly had a body and was not just a spirit. On the last day he was with the disciples, he presented them with a charge and then was taken up into heaven. Many people attempt to deny that this really happened. They say that this is a made up story, or that there was a mass hallucination. The apostles and early church, however, believed that Jesus truly went up to Heaven and that He will return.

Text: Luke 24:49-53 & Acts 1:1-11

Discussion:

1. Have you ever wanted to know top secret information? What is it about us that desires to be in the “know?” How do the disciples fit into this category in Acts 1:1-11?
2. Read the above text. What is the charge that Jesus gives to the disciples? Is that charge for us today?
3. What did the Angels tell the disciples when they were gazing into heaven? What does this mean for us today?
4. According to Acts 1:7-8 what should be our main focus in our Christian walk?
5. Jesus went to a real place. How does that give us hope? Read John 14:1-3
6. Jesus fulfilled three roles of the OT. Prophet, Priest, and King
7. How does Jesus fulfill the role of Prophet and what does that mean for you? John 1:17-18, Heb. 1:1-2
8. Read Hebrews 9:24-26, Hebrews 10:19-22 How does Jesus fulfill the role of Priest and how does that impact your life?
9. Read Hebrews 7:25 & Romans 8:34. What does this say that Jesus does for the believer? Write/discuss the power of this truth.
10. Read John 18:36 Jesus admits that He has a kingdom. Discuss/write the power that a king has.
11. Read Eph. 1:22. Where does God reign as king now? How will the kingdom of God be revealed in the future?
12. If Jesus is king over the believer, then how does this impact your life? What areas of your life are you struggling to submit to Jesus as King?

Think About it:

Jesus sits in power on high! He rose from the grave and ascended back to the Father with all authority under heaven and earth. There is nothing that happens that Jesus does not know or understand. He is the God man who lived and walked this life and sympathizes with us. He reveals the one true God, He intercedes and provides a way for us to know God, and he rules as the sovereign Lord.

Moving Forward:

Jesus is the visible expression of the invisible God. He has shown us who God is. He reveals to us the one true God. Make sure you know Jesus. He also lives to make intercession for us—He prays for us. He is also king over our lives. He has the final authority over how we are to live. This week . . . walk in the truth of God revealed in Jesus. Pray to God and know that He hears and intercedes for us. Be intentional to pray in the morning, before you start your day, and at night, before you go to bed. Acknowledge Jesus as King over your life. Ask the Lord to show areas of your life that you still try to be king. Repent and submit to His lordship. Live out your faith and be the witness that He has called you to be.