What Heaven Saw at Christ's Ascension

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INTRODUCTION

- We're moved by his suffering. We know intimately his death on the cross. We understand the power of his resurrection. But we must also appreciate the impact of his ascension.
- Jesus offered up the ascension as a proof that he was Jesus Christ.
- He was made Lord and Christ finally in his ascension.

1 An Obedient Son Returning to Glory

Philippians 2:5–11; Revelation 4:8–11; Revelation 5:1–10

- For one thing, heaven saw an obedient son returning to glory.
- He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.
- Therefore, God also has highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.
- Because he was that obedient son, God has exalted him. That's the ascension.
- What heaven saw was an obedient son who had done everything his father had asked him to do, who had finally drunk of that cup.
- He is now worthy to take the scroll and to open the scroll and to unleash the judgment of God.

2 A King Returning to Receive His Kingdom

Mark 16:19; Luke 19:11–15; Daniel 7:13–14

- Heaven also saw a king returning to his father to receive his kingdom.
- He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.
- That was the position of a king receiving his new kingdom.
- A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return.
- Jesus went away to receive his kingdom. And he will come back, not to establish his kingdom, because he's already received that kingdom when he went away.
- Daniel saw in his vision what heaven would see, one coming with the clouds to receive his kingdom.

3 A High Priest Coming Into the Presence of God

Hebrews 4:14–16; Hebrews 10:11–12

- Heaven also saw a high priest coming into the presence of God to make atonement for our sins.
- He was the sin offering, he was the scapegoat, and he was the high priest.
- Seeing then that we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens. Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.
- The old high priests stood continuously. Why? Because their job was never completed.
- After he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

- We have access to the Father because our high priest has ascended to the Father to make atonement for our sins.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's not let our vision be short-sighted. Let's remember what heaven sees.**

MY NOTES