

KING IN HEAVEN*

The risen Christ received all authority in heaven and earth. He is now King but awaits His earthly reign.

SCRIPTURE†	MUSIC‡
Matthew 28:16–20 Mark 16:19–20 Acts 2:29–36 Romans 8:31–34 1 Corinthians 15:20–28 Ephesians 1:19–23 Philippians 2:5–11 Colossians 1:13–14 Colossians 3:1–4 Hebrews 2:5–8 Hebrews 10:11–14 1 Peter 3:22 “under His feet/right hand of God”	Across the Lands Arise, My Soul, Arise All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Before the Throne of God Above Behold Our God Blessed Be the Name Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise! Hallelujah! What a Savior Look, Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious Look, Ye Saints! The Sight...(Forrest) SATB Name of All Majesty (Fettke) SATB O Church, Arise Rejoice, the Lord Is King See the Christ



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* Theme fits in the worship series, **Jesus the King (Matthew)**, the week after Easter.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

WHERE IS JESUS NOW?

Hebrews 2:5-8 | *After His resurrection, Jesus ascended into heaven is seated right now at the right hand of God. Right now He is making intercession, reigning in heaven, and preparing for the future earthly kingdom. He has official reigning power now. We are ambassadors for the King, and we go in His name—inviting all into His kingdom.*

Our worship focus this morning is on Christ's exaltation, which is certainly a neglected idea.

I want to ask you a trivia question: which OT verse is quoted most frequently by writers in the NT? Go ahead and turn to the person next to you and tell them what you think it is. It's okay if you don't know the answer; just guess.

The answer may surprise you. The most frequently quoted OT verse by writers of the NT is Psalm 110:1—"The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.'" Why on earth did the apostles love that verse so much?

Well, for one, it emphasizes the deity of Christ. This was the verse Jesus used to stump the Pharisees, asking them, "If the Messiah is David's son, why does David call Him Lord?" Of course, the answer is that Jesus is God, so He is greater than David, even though He is also David's descendant.

But the NT writers also loved this verse because it is a prophesy that encapsulates in miniature the entire church age. After Jesus rose from the dead, He ascended to the Father's right hand, where God the Father highly exalted Him and gave Him the name above every name ("Lord").

Not only that, but Jesus is not doing nothing in heaven. Psalm 110:4 says, "The LORD has sworn and will not relent: 'You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.'" The author of Hebrews devotes an entire chapter to explaining this verse! One of the questions was "How could Messiah be both king and priest, because priests were from the tribe of Levi, whereas David was from the line of Judah?" The answer, according to Psalm 110:4 is that Jesus is a priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Not only that, but Jesus is High Priest forever, and because of that, He is able to completely save those who come unto God by Him. Jesus is not passive in heaven, He is pleading our case before God the Father, making it possible for us to come boldly to God's throne of grace.

And He is coming again. Psalm 110:1 says, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool." It's like the Father said to Jesus, "Well done, now sit here until You come into your full kingdom." You see, Jesus is king right now, but He has not yet

entered His kingdom. That awaits the day of His return and the onset of the Millennium. But the picture of Christ is that He is on the edge of His seat in heaven, just waiting for the day when He will return.

This is a picture of Jesus that the apostles loved, and it is a picture that we should love too. Jesus, highly exalted, at the Father's right hand, ready to return and reign as king.

So, two weeks ago, we worshipped Jesus because He died for our sins. Last week, we worshipped Him because He rose from the dead. Today, let's pour our hearts into worshipping Him because He is highly exalted at the Father's right hand. **(Pastor Kris Schaal)**

Promotional Post: Where is Jesus our King right now? Scripture says after His saving work was done on earth, He ascended to God's right hand. Come worship the King in Heaven with us this Sunday for all that He is doing—right now!

These Scriptures can help you prepare for worship this week: [Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]