

## The Story of Jesus

(Lesson 18)

### Discussion:

1. By searching the Scriptures we can learn "The Story of Jesus" (John 5:39) and grow in our knowledge of Christ (2 Peter 3:18).
2. After being with His followers forty days after His resurrection (Acts 1:1-3), Jesus gave His Great Commission and ascended to heaven.
3. When He ascended to heaven Jesus was seated at "*the right hand of God*" (Mark 16:19).
4. At the right hand of God, Jesus fulfills a number of important roles.
5. Before we examine these roles, let us observe how . . .

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- I. THE SCRIPTURES EMPHASIZE THE LORD'S POSITION AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND
  - A. David prophesied that "his Lord" would be seated at "the Lord's" right hand (Psalm 110:1).
    1. Jesus pointed out in Matthew 22:41-46 that David wrote about Him.
    2. Peter also showed in Acts 2:32-35 that David wrote about Jesus.
  - B. During His trials Jesus indicated that He would sit "*on the right hand of power.*"
    1. Jesus made this statement during His trial before Caiaphas (Matthew 26:62-64).
    2. Jesus also made this statement during His trial before the Jewish council (Luke 22:66-69).
  - C. Jesus is presently at the Father's right hand.
    1. Stephen saw Jesus "*standing on the right hand of God*" (Acts 7:54-60).
    2. Peter showed in 1 Peter 3:21-22 that Jesus "*is on the right hand of God.*"
- II. AT THE FATHER'S RIGHT HAND JESUS FULFILLS A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ROLES
  - A. Jesus "intercedes" on behalf of Christians (Romans 8:34).
  - B. Jesus rules as "the head of His church" (Ephesians 1:15-23).
  - C. Jesus serves as "God's spokesman" (Hebrews 1:1-3).
    1. Psalm 110:1 is quoted in Hebrews 1:13 to show that Jesus is superior to the angels who have served as God's spokesmen on numerous occasions.
    2. Jesus' Word is the New Testament (Hebrews 9:15).
  - D. Jesus serves as "High Priest" (Hebrews 8:1; 10:11-14).