

CatClub: Question 49



Last week we tackled the subject of the Church, i.e. the people of God. This week we think about the topic of Jesus Christ, now that he has been resurrected from the dead.

1. Q49 asks: Where is Jesus now? Answer: **Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.** Please note: ‘interceding for us’ means praying for us to God the Father.

2. Investigation - please look up:

1. (In the New Testament) John chapter 20, verses 1-8. This passage tells us that Jesus rose bodily (=physically) on the third day (Sunday – the first day of the Jewish week).

2. (In the New Testament) Ephesians chapter 1, verses 19-21 and Hebrews chapter 10, verse 12. Jesus was raised by the Father **to sit at his right hand, which means to occupy a place of special honour**. We also learn that he has **supreme authority and power**.

3. (In the New Testament) Hebrews chapter 7, verse 25. Here we learn that, in saving us from our sins, **Jesus is constantly praying on our behalf to the Father**. How wonderful it is to know that we have a great Saviour who is always praying for us.

4. (In the New Testament) 2 Thessalonians chapter 1, verses 6-10. This passage tells of the **terrible judgment** that will fall on the enemies of Jesus when he returns, but also of the **great salvation** that awaits believers.

5. (In the New Testament) 1 Corinthians chapter 15, verses 51-52. These verses reveal that **all believers will be radically changed** when Jesus returns: the dead will rise from their graves and receive their (perfect) resurrection bodies; believers who are alive at the time will also be changed and receive their resurrection bodies.

6. (In the New Testament) Revelation chapter 1, verse 21. When Jesus returns, not only will believers be changed, **but the whole creation – the whole universe – will be made new as well**.

Next week’s question: What does Christ’s resurrection mean for us?

This week’s songs: ‘You have been raised’

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L_DRf8VQFtc

‘Blessed Assurance’

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIHwnj8Bbv&list=RDEMneBVV3ubqkrV1mzwMJs8vg&index=9>

John 20:1-8 20 Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed.

Ephesians 1:19-21 ...the immeasurable greatness of his (=God the Father's) power towards us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰ that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.

Hebrews 10:12 ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God...

Hebrews 7:25 ²⁵ Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

2 Thessalonians 1:6-10 ⁶...God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 ⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

Revelation 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.