

The Ascension of Christ

Easter Series – Part 3

Scripture text – Psalm 2

Introduction

- For most Christians, the ascension is an _____. However, it wasn't to _____.
- The ascension itself is described in Acts 1. All the New Testament does is _____ it happened.

Section 1: The Nations Conspire

- The nations _____ God and want him out of the way. Their plotting against God occurs both _____ & _____ nations.
- Examples:
 - 1) Within: Powerful leaders are conspiring to get rid of the _____, which prohibits the public funding of abortion.
 - 2) Between: *The Yogyakarta Document*, adopted in 2006, is fueling the global _____ movement.

Section 2: God Responds

- God responds to the rebellious nations with _____ and _____.
- While nobody enjoys hearing about God's _____, it is necessary to truly understand and appreciate his _____.

Section 3: God Installs

- Rather than _____ the nations, God installed his king to _____ the nations.
- It was upon his ascension that Christ was crowned as _____.
 - 1) A _____ was placed on his head;
 - 2) He was given _____ to the earth;
 - 3) He sat down next to the _____; and

- 4) The entire angelic host _____ before him.
- Scripture emphasizes, not the event itself, but rather the _____ on which Christ was enthroned as king. The basis was his _____.
 - At the end of the age, every creature will _____ before Christ and acknowledge him as _____. Not all will do so _____.

Section 4: God Warns

- The world's leaders are encouraged to _____ the situation. Their leadership is _____ and they are _____ to a ruler over them.
- If they are wise, they will _____ the son's feet, which is an ancient sign of _____.
- Those who refuse will be _____.

Conclusion

- Charles Spurgeon (1834-1892): You will either be the _____ subject of God's grace or the _____ slave of his _____.