

The Ascension of Jesus

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The ascension of Jesus is a pivotal event in the Bible that reveals the power and authority of Jesus, and demands our surrender.

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Description

Michael Koulianos emphasizes the significance of the ascension of Jesus as a pivotal event that directly correlates with the coming of the Holy Spirit. He highlights that Jesus' ascension is not just a physical elevation but a profound declaration of His authority and the fulfillment of God's plan for humanity. Koulianos encourages believers to understand the connection between Jesus' glorification and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, which marks the beginning of a new age in the church. He stresses the importance of scripture in building spiritual stature and the necessity of unity among believers to experience the fullness of the Spirit. Ultimately, the sermon calls for a deeper recognition of Jesus' lordship and the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church.

Transcript

Pentecost is coming, the Feast of Pentecost. Yeah, amen. And I'm gonna begin teaching today on the Holy Spirit, the person of the Holy Spirit.

And I just wanna quickly close with the ascension of Jesus, because it's pivotal. You cannot separate the coming of the Spirit and the ascension. And before I do, I actually want you to write down these scriptures regarding the ascension.

Acts 1.9 through 11. Acts 1.22. Mark 16.19. John 6.62. I'm reading some of these and I wanna smash my face in the pulpit, it's just so powerful. I can't go on, I have to read this one to you.

John 20.17, do not hold me, he says to Mary, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending. He was mid-ascent and stopped to talk to Mary.

Oh. Oh, man. If you're ever wondering if Jesus loves his people, if you stop to talk to a woman you redeemed, and we're not talking about an average ascent here.

It's not like you going up an escalator in millennia. We're talking about the ascent from the uttermost depths of hell to the highest place, and he stopped to talk to Mary. Oh, man, 10 years ago I would've said slap your neighbor, but now you can actually, that can cause a problem.

Save us, Lord, send a revival. Ephesians 4.10. 1 Timothy 3.16. Hebrews 4.14. And 1 Peter 3.22. I'll give you one more because I'm gracious and loving. 1 Timothy 3.16. Why so much scripture? Because it is living bread.

And while oftentimes it doesn't seem so exciting, it will sustain you until the end. So when a people are being built in the presence, you want to expose them to worship? Consistent worship brings consistent manifested presence. It's very important.

Worship, the teaching of the word, right? Do you want to prioritize the lordship of Jesus in a place? Prioritize family. We are a family, not an organization. The Trinity is our family model.

Does that make sense? That's what's happening to you. So that's why I'm giving you so much scripture because Jesus said, listen carefully, he said this, your word is truth. Your word is truth.

Keep them, he said, with your name. So it's the name of Jesus that we're kept with, the name of the Lord that reveals his nature. And the Bible clearly tells us what truth is, the word of God.

So that's why I'm giving you so much scripture. And in the end, you may not even know it's happening, the stature in your heart, your spiritual stature will grow. Our students read through the Bible every year.

And I love what Bill says, who cares if you don't remember what you read two days ago? He said, I don't remember what I ate for breakfast and it still worked. So even that's not an excuse, it's food. Do you understand? So that's why we're, I'm giving you so much scripture.

Hallelujah. All right, let's look at Acts 12. I'm gonna blow through these and get into the person of the spirit.

Acts 12, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when he was taken up from us. Say taken up. Taken up.

One of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection. So here we see the qualifications of the new apostle that was chosen because of Judas's betrayal. They had to fill the office.

Listen carefully now. The Bible teaches, the Bible actually says that his office must not be vacant. God is a phenomenal leader.

It's really important that we realize as a people that many things are gonna happen in this room and in our sphere that we don't understand. It's important you do not demonize what you do not understand. It is a dangerous sin called blasphemy.

We don't realize when we do that that we're not just attacking the person but their office. God is the most phenomenal CEO in the universe. He knows exactly which offices need to be filled so that his kingdom can be perpetuated.

Anybody who owns a business understands this. If you lose a heavyweight who carries an office or a role, the business does not move forward as successfully as it did prior. God is the same way.

So Judas's office had to be filled. So Acts 1.22 is mentioning the qualifications needed. In other words, they had to be with the Lord and exposed to his ministry from his baptism until he was taken up.

Say taken up. I don't know why but the ascension of Jesus is rarely talked about and rarely mentioned. And it's not that anybody's bad for doing that.

I'm not getting on anyone. I'm just saying we are missing out on experiencing the fruits of an amazing accomplishment by God. Mark 16.19, so then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven.

Wow, I don't know why this one just floors me. But this, the thought of his ascension blows me away. John 6.62, do you take offense at this? This is Jesus speaking.

Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending where he was before? Okay, listen carefully. Many people are okay with the humanity of Jesus. Many unbelievers are okay.

You cannot deny the existence and be sane of the man from Galilee named Jesus of Nazareth. You can't deny it. The date itself testifies of this one, right? History bears witness.

Josephus, a first century church historian, bears witness and even calls him somebody who is not just a man. Many believe that he wasn't even a follower of Jesus at the time. But he said, this one here, he is not a mere man.

So many are comfortable with the thought that Jesus is a man. We love his teachings, they make sense. Well, they are challenging as well.

But we love some of his teachings. Possibly the most popular one today in this culture is don't judge. You can't judge me.

I'm not judging you. But me saying that's wrong is not judging you. You don't know the word judgment.

There's a difference between saying something is wrong and me judging a person. Do you understand? But if you tell them that Jesus, who they're claiming as their defense, is also a judge. We like the man from Galilee because he heals the sick.

But when he tells them to eat their flesh and drink their blood, with no disclaimer, no fine print, he didn't go, this is what I really meant. He just said, eat my flesh, drink my blood. They said, this is a hard saying and left him.

And he didn't even say, please don't go. The thought of building a ministry to please people to get them to stay sounds nauseating and tiring. I don't know how you do it.

You come up with all of these different ways to keep people. And you have to do that your whole life. And then you deify attendance.

That's what happens. You deify attendance and 70 years goes by and you go, I forgot about Jesus. And we use the excuse, well, every number is a soul.

I don't need to win souls through compromise. Because I can't win souls. Only the Holy Spirit can win souls.

Do you understand? So Jesus makes a statement with no disclaimer. And he says, you have to eat my flesh and drink my blood. They leave him.

Do you know what he says to his disciples? Do you wanna go? Do y'all wanna go too? What does that tell me about him? He's not insecure. He's okay. He's okay, he goes, do you wanna go too? And they said, Peter goes, where are we gonna go? He's like five days away from home.

And then he says to him, listen carefully. I guarantee you Peter had no clue what Jesus said when he said that. Eat my flesh and drink my blood.

Peter probably just scratched his head and went. He just stayed there. Which is the best thing to do when Jesus challenges you.

If you don't get it, do you know, some of the people I thought were the weirdest became the vessels God used over the last 10 years to touch me. I've talked about it before, like the flag wavers. Didn't get it.

I was like, what's the point? The flags, the glittery ones, they all have a different name on them. Annoying. If you walk six feet back from that pulpit, you could have your head cut off through it.

It's dangerous. John Wilde has been hit in the face by the flag. Dom, have you been hit? Dom's been hit in the face by the flag.

Until a little kid, I told you guys this, in Reading walked up to me, little eight year old, I was having coffee, and goes, I'm drinking a coffee having a meeting with a pastor. And he goes, bless you sir. And walked off.

And when he did, I felt the weighty presence of God come. I thought, you little ninja. You little, little weasel, little weasel.

So Peter had no clue what Jesus meant. But he stayed. He stayed with Jesus.

And listen to his reply. Where shall we go? You have the words of life. But he didn't understand what Jesus said.

Hold on, that means that you can be filled with life and not get everything. Read your Bible. You don't have to get it all.

It's still the word of life. The humanity of Jesus makes people more comfortable than his deity. His deity requires your life as an offering.

His teachings, you can be a fan. But Jesus isn't raising up fans. You don't get to add Jesus to your life.

He's not looking for fans. He's looking for worshipers. All right, I gotta get moving, sorry.

The ascension. Ephesians 4.10, we're gonna skip to that. Are you enjoying this? Yes.

We're gonna make Jesus image helmets and mouthpieces so y'all can slap each other. Just so you can slap each other. All right.

Listen carefully. Ephesians 4.10, listen to this. He who descended is he who ascended far above all the heavens.

Wow. Where did he descend? Did Jesus descend from his throne in heaven to come our way? Yes. How many of you would agree that a manger, you know, we beautify the mangers today.

Go over to the Gaylord Palms or, you know, there's little sparkles and we have them in our, our nativities we make are beautiful. It didn't snow in Bethlehem that night. There were no candy canes.

You know, donkeys were not, you know, there were no mistletoes. They weren't sipping on hot cocoa. There wasn't that type of scene.

There's no reindeer in the manger or in the stable. None of that. It was a dirty, lowly, stable meant for animals.

When the Lord, the Holy Spirit reveals the majesty of Jesus to us, it should wound us in the most beautiful way, to the core, that the God of the universe left his throne to be born among animals. He was not wrapped in Ryan's favorite clothing line, Oshkosh Pogosh. That's not.

Sorry, I'm having fun today and it must be the Holy Spirit. All right. Jesus was not wearing a little onesie.

Okay. He was wrapped in swaddling cloths that were meant to clean the animals he was born among. Lowly, yes, but a declaration that the creator of those animals from the beginning of Genesis had arrived to redeem mankind.

His humility is not meant, listen carefully, to remove his deity, but rather shroud it in beautiful mystery so that you would seek him. Say, descend it. What chapter is this in? Say, Ephesians four.

He who descended. So where did he descend? All the way to the earth? Yes. Was he surrounded by prostitutes? Yes.

Was there a good chance that the streets were lined with idol worshipers while he was carrying his cross to Golgotha? Yes, this is an amazing descent. Tempted by the serpent? Yes. Fasted for 40 days and 40 nights? And then the Bible says afterward he was hungry? I would have been hungry after day one.

Jesus was hungry after day 40, not bad. This is an amazing descent. Where did he live in the wilderness? Out in the wilderness, and the beasts, the Bible says, were around him.

He was so weak that angels had to minister to him. When the devil tempted him, he twisted the Bible. The devil knows more Scripture than anyone in here.

But he perverts it. One of the great perversions in Scripture is that God just so loves me, I can live life the way I want to. No, that's you taking a verse, not the full breadth of Scripture.

If Jesus is Lord, you don't get to live life the way you want to. If he's teacher, you may be able to. Amen.

But if he's Lord, that means he owns us and bought us with a price. The Bible says not with silver or gold, Peter writes, but the very blood, the blood. I want you to think of this for a moment.

I talked to the students about this the last week of school. We were all rocked at the core the way the Holy Spirit moved. If I were to gash you on the arm right now with one of my favorite fly fishing knives, a good one, a really good one, and I just blessed you and ministered to your arm like that and stuck you in the arm and you were bleeding profusely, all of your attention would go to that wound.

Think about it. What happens when you get injured and you have to have a surgery? I blew my shoulder in college. I don't know what it's like.

All your attention goes there, all of your thoughts. If somebody breaks a leg in a football game or tears an ACL, the entirety of their being goes to that wound. I don't even need to gash you.

I just need to cut you open and you need to bleed. Everything shuts down around you. You wouldn't even remember that you're here.

All of your attention to the wound. Jesus was covered in wounds from head to toe, covered in blood, so much so that he could not be recognized. Listen to the language of Isaiah 53.

As a man, think of that for a moment, so beaten and brutalized was Jesus that he was not recognizable as a human. He was marred beyond recognition, which is one of the reasons Mary didn't recognize him in the garden because he had been glorified and her last vision of him, her last sight of him was his brutalized body. That's what you were purchased with.

So if you pervert the scriptures, you take the ones you like, you take the ones that have to do with forgiveness, but you totally toss the ones that have to do with lordship. Not realizing, not realizing that Jesus is not looking for people who are merely forgiven. He's looking for a bride.

He's looking for marriage. He's looking for oneness. And I've said this to you many times.

That's why in a Christian marriage, the wife loses her name. It's all prophetic. When a person is born again, they lose their old nature and should take on the name and nature of Jesus.

And here's that name, you ready? Christian, Christian. Little, little people who are clothed in the anointing of Christ and his nature. In the scriptures, a name is meant to describe nature.

It would bless you to study the names that you're reading because you'd be blown away. Totally be blown away. For instance, the word Yehoshua means the Lord, our salvation.

So when people say, why does Jesus save? I say, he doesn't just save, he is salvation. And so salvation flows from him. For every area of the ministry of Jesus, we find a name attached to it.

Jehovah Rapha, right? The Lord who heals us. So he doesn't just do something, he is the something. And that's what the Lord wants us to be.

He wants our nature to be in him. That's why I tell people when they're born again, sin should be foreign to the Christian. And if you're good with it and used to it, you need to reexamine your state with God.

It's a nature issue. A cat can only bark so long. If my bulldogs came out and went, meow, I would say, come out of him.

No, I would say something's up here. Something's up here. And that's what Jesus says when he says, it's from the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.

Yeah, you should try to watch your mouth, of course, but if you really wanna cleanse your mouth, cleanse your heart first. Your mouth reveals what's inside, you understand? So Jesus descended, yes, to the earth, but even lower. I don't have time to go there because I'm running out of time.

Because you're getting bored. Oh, okay. Well, God bless you, okay.

All right. 1 Peter 3, you write this down, go dig it up, your little shovel. 1 Peter 3, you don't have to turn there, just trust me, it's there.

But take the note that he descended into the underworld and declared his might, the Bible says, and declared, basically, his triumph over the spirits that were in prison from the days of Noah. Long teaching. In a nutshell, this is what it means.

After Jesus died, do you remember what he said to the thief on the cross? Today you'll be with me where? Did he say heaven? He said paradise. At the time, there was a place called paradise or Abraham's bosom. You read this in the, which is really not a parable, the Bible doesn't say this is a parable and this is where we get tripped up here.

But the rich man and Lazarus, I believe, is a true account because it doesn't say parable. So it says there was a man named Lazarus who was poor and the dogs licked his wounds. The dogs had more compassion on Lazarus than the rich man.

The rich man passed him every day, but a dog knew, I can at least lick his wounds. Jesus said the day came where they both passed. The poor man went into Abraham's bosom or paradise.

That was in the underworld because the blood had not been offered. They could not dwell in the highest heavens. So there was a place called paradise, Abraham's bosom.

There was a great gulf between Abraham's bosom, which is where the righteous went, and why did they go? Why did they go? Because they saw that the Messiah was coming, the Bible teaches, and had faith in the word of God. That's why Jesus said, Abraham saw this day and rejoiced. What? And they said, what do you mean, Abraham? You're not even 50 years old and you know Abraham? And then he upped the game a little bit.

He didn't back off from there. He said, you know what, since you're so prideful, I'm gonna jack you up even worse. Before Abraham was, I am.

And this is what he meant. This is what he meant. Think, you do not play with Jesus.

You are not that smart. Don't do it. Do not try to corner the one, listen, who formed the earth out of chaotic and void, out of that which was chaotic and void.

Don't corner him. So Jesus says this. Oh, you don't believe that I know Abraham.

Okay. I am that I am. I'm also the God in the burning bush.

That's what he said. Before Abraham was, I am. And they went, whoa, you're saying you're the God burning? And then they wanted to kill him and he didn't back off.

All right. Abraham saw the day of the Messiah. God used him to say, God will provide a lamb when God asks for Isaac.

Isaiah saw the Messiah was coming. How do you write Isaiah 53? Isaiah 40, Isaiah 50. Isaiah 42, Isaiah 54.

How do you write these chapters about Jesus being wounded and strived? How does David write Psalm 22? It wasn't just David talking. They pierced my hands and feet. I can count all my bones.

They saw into another day. Do you understand? Now they didn't see fully, but they knew one was coming. Moses said a prophet will be raised up from among the people like me.

Follow him. Speaking of Jesus. To those saints, and let me back up for a minute.

What did Jesus say to the rich man who said, just put a drop of water on my, I feel Jesus today. And I needed this because last week I felt like we were in a freezer. And I love you, it had nothing to do with you.

But I'm glad we're burning today. All right. Ooh, I'm getting excited.

What was I saying? Oh, the drop of water, yeah. There's a great gulf. The rich man's suffering in flames.

Lazarus, not the Lazarus of Bethany, another Lazarus, poor man. In Abraham's bosom. The rich man in flames is saying, just give me a drop of water on my tongue.

Think how we just pass by these scriptures. That's why you don't want anyone to go to hell. When I hear people go, I'll see you in hell.

I'm like, bro, don't say that. Do you realize how tormenting is the experience for you to beg somebody in Abraham's bosom for a drop of water? And Father Abraham speaks and says, you don't understand, there's a massive gulf between us that is impassable. It's all in the underworld.

This is the Bible. This is the glory of the gospel. He goes, this cannot be passed.

And he goes, okay, fine. Can you just send someone to talk to my family? Certainly, if somebody be raised from the dead, they will believe. And what does Abraham say? This is amazing.

No, they have Moses and the prophets. If they don't believe those, they won't believe if somebody's raised from the dead. Hold on.

If you don't believe the word, you won't even believe it when someone gets up. If you don't believe chapter and verse, you won't believe the miracle either. I hear people go, if you've got it like that, why don't you just go into a hospital and empty it out? I don't have it like that.

I don't do anything I don't see Jesus do. Jesus doesn't respond to challenge as an employee. He's got nothing to prove.

So Abraham saw the day and rejoiced. Moses saw the day when he built the tabernacle and rejoiced. He said, a prophet is coming.

Follow him. David knew that somebody would come. As he was writing Psalm 22, they pierced my hands and feet.

Do you think David knew he wasn't talking about David? I don't know how much he knew, but this was the status of Abraham's bosom. When Jesus died, the Bible says, as if the manger wasn't low enough, he descended even lower into the depths of the earth. And I guarantee you, when the devil saw him descend, I've talked to you about this before, he said something like this, what have I done? I tried to swallow him with the grave.

Now he is swallowing the grave. This is amazing. This is what Ephesians 4 says, he who descended.

When Jesse, we had a bulldog named King, very humble name, and he was a little crazy. He needed a wife badly. All of our bulldogs need wives.

So Jesse was walking him one morning, she was six months pregnant, and one of our neighbors had a German shepherd. And he would always leave it off the leash. And we lived in California then, and he was like a surfer guy.

He's like, bro, it's fine. I'm like, dude, it's not fine. I'm trying to do cardio, and your crazy dog chases me down the road.

So we had this bulldog, and he was really friendly unless another dog started something. It's in them, you know. So Jesse's pregnant.

Sure enough, the German shepherd runs out and bites King on the back. They start going at it, and Jesse's holding onto the leash, six months pregnant. Then wisdom flows, and Jesse goes, I'm not getting in the middle of a dog fight.

She lets go of the leash, King, they start going at it. The German shepherd runs away, and King follows him. Listen to this.

Runs through the front door of the neighbor's house because the German shepherd went in. Blows through the front door. The guy is like typical SoCal, like Cali guy's like, watching TV, and two dogs fly through the front door, and King just starts giving it to this dog.

The guy screams at Jess. Yeah, put your dog, get your dog out of here, and Jesse, she was a little less sanctified back then. She had a few words for the guy.

That's kind of what happened in hell that day. That's kind of what happened in hell. Hell received the one who came to destroy it.

Hell received the one, listen carefully. Hell received the one it was committed to kill, and through humility, Jesus destroyed it. That's how low he went, to the uttermost parts of the earth, and then began to ascend.

His resurrection was part of that ascending movement that is very important. Listen carefully. Look at 1 Timothy 3.16. Give me 10 more minutes, and we'll be out.

He who descended is he who, I'm sorry, I read that. 1 Timothy 3.16, great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of our faith. He was manifested, this is Jesus, in the flesh, vindicated in the spirit, that's the resurrection, seen by angels, there were angels there at his resurrection, preached among nations, that's the great commission, listen, believed on in the world, and taken up in glory.

Say taken up. Taken up. All right.

Positioning speaks loudly in the spirit. There are certain spirits that come to attack churches, especially when the anointing starts moving. Typically, they come, there's one, I don't even like the name of it, but it's thrown around and used all the time, too much.

We should know more about Jesus than devils. Typically, the ones who are bringing the spirits in to bring division are the ones who are calling all of them out. That's usually how it works, it's been my experience.

The person who's like, everybody has a devil, is usually the one with the devil. And so the way you deal with devils at that level, listen carefully, is through authority. Because demons recognize authority.

Where you place people in a ministry, where they sit, expresses authority. The moment you get behind a pulpit, it expresses authority. The devil is not moved by charisma, he doesn't leave because you're gifted in the spirit.

In fact, that's what actually draws him to come battle you. The way you get him out and keep him out is through understanding the authority that the word teaches. When Jesus ascended higher than the heavens, it expressed his dominance.

So in a way, he just kept going up, and he was like, I own you, and you, and you, and that fallen angel, and you, peace out, stiff arm. He just kept going up, up, up, up, up, up, up, up. Now while that may not mean a lot here, if you are elevated and seated on the highest throne, listen to the language in 1 Timothy and in Ephesians, above the highest heaven, that says something.

So with every level of ascent, his glory shot out from him, and he dominated. I'll take this property, and that property, and this elevation. We are now at 40,000 feet.

People, he's taking that one, too, and that one, too, and that one, too, and that one, too, and until it was all filled with the majesty and presence of Jesus, he stopped, and at that point, was enthroned. There, that's the ascension. It's important.

Now listen up, listen up. Thank you, Lord. Listen up.

When the Bible teaches in Ephesians that you're seated at his right hand, now you get it. When the Bible teaches you're seated in heavenly places, you're way above the cloud line. Ducks can't go that high.

It's an old saying. You wanna flap your wings, you only go so high. You wanna ride the winds of the spirit, you experience what it means to be seated in heavenly places.

All right, now, let me close with this. Are you enjoying this? Yes. Are you? I hope you are.

Okay, I didn't get to the person of the spirit, but forgive me. We're gonna take you to the front door, and then we'll jump on it next week. This guy, he's getting good.

I told him he was thinking about going into another direction, and I sat him down. I said, bro, listen to me. That direction's cool.

It sounds awesome. But for you to play keys in the glory of God, what a privilege. And I'm glad he stayed.

I'm glad he stayed. Okay, listen, listen, listen, listen, listen. This is so good.

John 7, 37. On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, if anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Wow.

He who believes in me, as the scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water. But this is he, listen carefully, this he spoke concerning the spirit. Say the spirit.

Spirit. So who is the river of living water? Say the Holy Spirit. All right.

Whom those believing in him would receive. When you were born again, you received a literal life-giving river, the Holy Spirit himself. For the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified.

All right, hold on, hold on here. This is vital. We must see the connection between the glorification of Jesus and the giving of the Holy Spirit.

Oh, I want you to get this. People have asked me all the time, well, how do you flow? How do you, what is it? How do y'all do it over there? Did it just get on you from being at OCC and with Pastor Randy? Oh, of course, sure, sure, absolutely. I have no problem saying that, absolutely.

But no one's thinking when they're under the anointing, I need to flow. That's not what you're doing. Your heart is, can I lift Jesus so high? Can I yield to the spirit so that Jesus is so lifted that the Holy Spirit is then given in the moment? Okay, there is a current connection between the glorification of Jesus and the giving of the Spirit.

But this connection is speaking of the actual ascension. The glorification, his resurrection, his ascension, and his enthronement is what we call the glorification of Jesus. John here connects the giving of the Spirit to that moment.

Listen carefully now, listen. Pentecost was the beginning of a new age. It was the beginning of a new age.

I'll get into this next week. But why 120 in the upper room? Because 120 symbolizes the number of flesh, the number of flesh, the number of man trying to do it on his own. The Spirit came upon them to institute a new age.

No longer are you gonna do it on your own, you're gonna do it by the Spirit. But that's another teaching. Pentecost speaks, of course it speaks of the coming of the Spirit, but it's also proof of another accomplishment.

Listen to what it is, that Jesus made it to his destination. Let me say it again. When the Spirit came, it was God's way of saying he has been glorified fully.

I can just see Jesus sending the Spirit. The Father sends Jesus, Jesus released the Spirit as baptizer. That's why Pentecost is not a small deal.

It's the proof in the pudding. He was not given because he had not yet been glorified. Therefore, if he has been given, he made it.

He made it. He's the actual king, listen, he's the actual king of the kingdom. That was Jesus' way of going, boys, you have no idea what's happening right now.

I'm glad you're speaking in tongues and drunk with new wine, but there's something incredibly important. I am on the throne. I am on the throne.

Now listen carefully, listen carefully. Every king is anointed. You could not be a king in the Bible and not be anointed with oil.

That's why they all ran to the prophets. They were installed as king, the prophet would dump oil on them. David received a horn, that speaks of mercy.

Saul rushed his kingship and received a vial. Vials speak of curse, judgment, I should say. Saul was judged, he forced the anointing.

David received mercy his whole life. He held onto the horns of the altar in his heart. That's what it symbolizes.

Okay, every king was anointed. What does the Bible teach about unity? It's in the Psalms. I'll give you a clue.

How beautiful and how pleasant it is for what brethren to dwell together in what? And what is it like? It is like the oil dripping down. Say down. Down.

Down what? Aaron's beard. And then where does it end? The hem of his garment. Who was Aaron a type and shadow of? Say Jesus, the high priest.

When Jesus assumed his throne and the spirit was poured out, that was it getting to the hem of his garment because we are the body of Christ. How beautiful and how pleasant it is for what? For Brett, I feel the Holy Spirit so strong. When we get our building, we're just gonna do lock in glory weeks.

All right, now listen up, listen up. What does the Bible say took place in the upper room? How were the apostles praying? Say in one accord. That's called unity.

It was beautiful and pleasant. As the body of Jesus, those who are clothed in his gowns with robes of righteousness, at some point after 10 days, 10 days, just enough time for the oil to keep flowing, the oil got to the hem of his garment and that was the upper room. And they burned forever.

And the Holy Spirit came, listen carefully, and instituted a new day where it would not be by might and it would not be by power, but that it would be by the Spirit of the Lord. And before I dismiss you, may I say this prophetically over all of us. May it be said of us that nobody is that good in this room to build something God is not building.

And may it be said of Jesus' image when we're all long gone, that it was done by the Spirit. Stand to your feet. Give the Lord praise.

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