

**DAILY READINGS**

Sunday	Hebrews 1:1-4
Monday	Mark 11:27-12:12; Psalm 76; Proverbs 14:16-18
Tuesday	Mark 12:13-34; Psalm 77:1-5; Proverbs 14:19-22
Wednesday	Mark 12:35-13:2; Psalm 77:6-11; Proverbs 14:23-26
Thursday	Mark 13:3-31; Psalm 77:12-20; Proverbs 14:27-29
Friday	John 1:1-28; Psalm 78:1-5; Proverbs 14:30-32
Saturday	John 1:29-51; Psalm 78:6-14; Proverbs 14:33-35

**DEVOTIONAL: READ HEBREWS 1:1-4**

The story of Jesus does not end at His crucifixion, or even at His resurrection. After 40 days of post-resurrection appearances, Jesus ascended into heaven to be at the right hand of the Father. Before He ascended, He gathered the disciples together, gave them some final instructions (Matthew 28:16-20), and then was lifted up out of their sight (Acts 1:9). The disciples stood and stared in shocked amazement at what they had just witnessed! Where did He go? What was He doing? How would they go on without Jesus there to lead them?

The writer of Hebrews addresses these questions at the beginning of his letter: “After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven” (Hebrews 1:3c). There Jesus is interceding for us (Romans 8:34), effectively intervening

on our behalf. Now, “He upholds the universe by the word of his power” (Hebrews 1:3bESV). Jesus went to the right hand of God and poured out the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33) so that we could be His witnesses all over the world (Acts 1:8).

How thankful we should be that Jesus has ascended from His place on earth into heaven! Sometimes we get so excited about the resurrection that we forget about His ascension. We forget that He is still working on our behalf. We can be certain that His story of redeeming the world from sin continues now as He sits at the right hand of the Father, upholding the universe. As the angels reminded the shocked disciples on the day of His ascension, “someday He will return from heaven in the same way you saw Him go!” (Acts 1:11 NLT).

## REFLECTION

Why is it important that Jesus ascended into heaven?

Do you ever live as if Jesus is not actively working on your behalf? If so, how does that affect the way you live your life?

Knowing that Jesus is in the very throne room of heaven, what are you asking God to do in Jesus' name that only God can do?

## DISCUSSION

Is there anything that I can pray for you this week?

## PRAYER

King Jesus, You stand victorious over the grave! Having conquered sin and death, You ascended to the Father. Yet, You are still alive and always with me. You are holding all things together. Your blood covers my sin and You have paid the penalty for my sin. You continue working in my life, even now, to remove the effects of sin and its power over my life. Your resurrection raises us to eternal life in You, our Christ.

For all of this, I stand amazed. As modern psalmists declare, You truly are “worthy of every song we could ever sing” and “all the praise we could ever bring.” May my soul be enraptured by Your power and beauty. Thank You that You are with me every day and that I can look forward to the day You come again to make all things new. Amen.