

## Jesus is Lord; Acts 1:9-11

### I. The Saving One

- A. Hebrews 12:1–2; <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
- B. “Founder and perfecter”
  - 1. Trailblazer - to go where no one has ever gone before, opening the way; to create a path for everyone else to follow
  - 2. Perfecter - finisher; one who brings something to a successful conclusion
  - 3. He not only started the way, but completed it as well
  - 4. A bruised heel and a crushed head (Genesis 3:15)
  - 5. A prophet will rise from the Israelites (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)
  - 6. A completed sacrifice
  - 7. Hebrews 2:9–10; <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.
- C. It is no wonder Peter proclaims this in Acts
- D. Acts 4:8–12; <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup> if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup> let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. <sup>11</sup> This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. <sup>12</sup> And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
- E. Jesus Himself makes the same claim
- F. John 14:6; Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.
- G. Jesus is the (only) Saving One

### II. The Glorious One

- A. Hebrews 1:1–5; <sup>1</sup> Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, <sup>2</sup> but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. <sup>3</sup> He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup> having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. <sup>5</sup> For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”?
- B. This first quote is from Psalm 2 which discusses the Reign of the Lord’s Anointed (Jesus)
- C. The second quote is from Psalm 89:26-27, a song to praise and honor God
  - 1. Verses 19-37 record God’s prophecy about the Messiah

2. Psalm 89:26–27; <sup>26</sup> He shall cry to me, ‘You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.’ <sup>27</sup> And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth.

D. Jesus is Lord... of creation

E. Hebrews 1:8–13; <sup>8</sup> But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup> You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” <sup>10</sup> And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; <sup>11</sup> they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, <sup>12</sup> like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.” <sup>13</sup> And to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”?

1. This last quote is from Psalm 110, which is the most referenced psalm in the New Testament (verse 1 is referenced 18 times by itself)

2. Psalm 110:1–4; <sup>1</sup> The Lord says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.” <sup>2</sup> The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! <sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours. <sup>4</sup> The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

F. The glory of creation, of rule (reign), and of the High Priest belong to Jesus

G. Jesus is The Glorious One

### III. The Coming One

A. Acts 1:9–11; <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup> and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

B. Jesus’ death and resurrection were not the end of the story, but really only the beginning

C. All the law and prophets led up to this point and this event ushered in the Kingdom of God (the age of the church)

D. At a time that only the Father knows (Acts 1:7) Jesus will return to claim those who belong to Him

E. The New Testament is full of allusions to Jesus’ coming again

1. Titus 2:11–15; <sup>11</sup> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, <sup>12</sup> training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, <sup>13</sup> waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works. <sup>15</sup> Declare these things; exhort and rebuke with all authority. Let no one disregard you.

2. 2 Peter 3:10–12; <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

F. Jesus, Himself, promises to return

1. John 14:2–3; <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.
2. He is not coming to stay here; He is coming to get us!

G. Jesus is the Coming One

IV. Jesus is Lord

- A. The Saving One
- B. The Glorious One
- C. The Coming One