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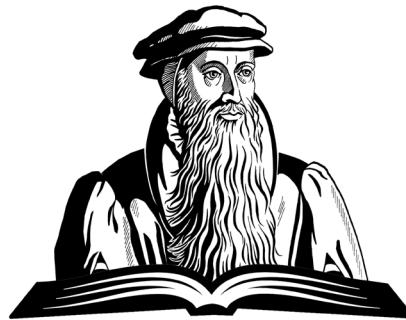
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## ADULT STUDY GUIDE

for Lecture #21

### Christ's Exaltation

#### Memorization

**Question 28:** *Wherein consisteth Christ's exaltation?*

**Answer:** *Christ's exaltation consisteth in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day*

#### Lecture Structure

1. Introduction: the God-man.
2. Christ was exalted in his resurrection.
3. Christ was exalted in his ascension.
4. Christ was exalted in his session.
5. Christ will be exalted in his return.
6. Applications.

#### Literal Study

1. Define these terms as they are used in the lecture:

- a) Resurrection \_\_\_\_\_
- b) Ascension \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Session \_\_\_\_\_
- d) Return of Christ \_\_\_\_\_

2. Paraphrase the answer to this Question, or put it into your own words.

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*Lecture Checkup*

1. What is the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Why is it necessary for our salvation?

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2. Many people call things miracles today, but what is a true miracle? What does a true miracle require?

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3. Why is it so important to show historical facts about the resurrection of Jesus Christ? What does all that evidence mean?

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4. How did the Lord Jesus prepare his disciples for the event of his ascension?

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5. What does the word “session” refer to in regard to the Lord Jesus being ascended into heaven?

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6. What does the phrase “at the right hand of the Father” refer to?

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7. Now that the Lord Jesus Christ is sitting at the right hand of the Father, is he still both fully God and fully man? What does that mean for believers?

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8. What will the Lord Jesus Christ do when he returns?

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9. What is the “great separation” that is expressed in the end of Matthew chapter 25?

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10. How does the Apostle Paul encourage believers to prepare for the day Christ returns, by their life and conduct?

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***Further Studies***

1. How do you prove that Christ rose again from the dead?

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2. What does the resurrection of Christ teach us?

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3. Why did Christ ascend into heaven, and what does it teach us?

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4. How will Christ judge the world at his glorious appearance?

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**Practical Application**

1. Does being a member of a church assure that you will be saved on the last day when the Lord Jesus Christ returns? Is it time to examine yourself to see if you are truly trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation? Please meditate on the warnings and encouragements that are found in this lecture.

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2. The exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ is said to bring comforts to his people in their trials and difficulties. Can you list some of the ways which believers find comfort in the exalted Christ?

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**Project Ideas**

Many people deny the reality of Christ's resurrection. Please find more arguments in the Bible to prove the historical character of Christ's resurrection, and write it down in a logical way.