

eXplain it
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's Lessons
(the Ascension of Jesus and the Promised Gift of
the Holy Spirit)

The Easter Season
40 Days + Ten = Pentecost

“The Waiting Days”

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Acts 1:3-5: After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. (NIV)

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Acts 1:3-5: On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (NIV)

The Church Year:

**the person and work of Jesus
Jesus working in His Church**

The Church Year:

**the state of humiliation
the state of exaltation**

Phil. 2:5-12: Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross! (NIV)

The State of Humiliation:

**Jesus does not always or fully use
His divine attributes.**

Advent:

Anticipation.

Christmas:

Incarnation

Epiphany:

Revelation

Lent:

Passion/Crucifixion

Phil. 2:5-12: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NIV)

The State of Exaltation:

**Jesus always and fully uses
His divine attributes.**

He Rules and Reigns

Easter:	Resurrection
Ascension:	Coronation
Pentecost:	Jesus at Work in His Church

**Re-Creating, Regenerating, Redeeming,
Resurrecting, Sanctifying**

**Where is Jesus?
What is He doing?**

The “Right Hand” of God: Jesus rules and reigns over all

Psalm 110: The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies ... "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek." (NIV)

The Book of Hebrews:

**Jesus is the Prophet,
our Great High Priest
and King**

Our Advocate and High Priest: Jesus intercedes for us

Hebrews 4:14-16: Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. (NIV)

Our Advocate and High Priest: Jesus intercedes for us

Hebrews 6:19-20: We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek. (NIV)

Our Advocate and High Priest: Jesus intercedes for us

Hebrews 7:23-25: Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. (NIV)

**A “co-mission”:
Jesus is still working among us**

**Acts 1:1-11: In my former book, Theophilus, I
wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to
teach until the day he was taken up to heaven ...
(NIV)**

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Mark 16:15-20: After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it. (NIV)

**Some Day ... Same Way:
Jesus will reappear to take us to Himself**

Acts 1:11: "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (NIV)

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1 Thess. 4:13-19: “Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (NIV)

**Some Day ... Same Way:
Jesus will reappear to take us to Himself**

1 Thess. 4:15: According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. (NIV)

The Waiting Days

**Where is Jesus?
What is He doing?**

The State of Exaltation:

**Jesus always and fully uses
His divine attributes.**

**He is Present
He Rules and Reigns
Working in His Church**

**Re-Creating, Regenerating, Redeeming,
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