

Talk Five
**ROSE, ASCENDED, SEATED
AND WILL COME TO JUDGE**
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Leaders: choose some, but not all of the following questions. Email me with any questions. Mark.

Week 5 – Rose, ascended, seated and will come to judge

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. **On the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

1. Is there anything that stood out for you from the message? Anything new to you?

ROSE FROM THE DEAD

2. Recall together some of the reasons Kevin gave that we can have confidence that Jesus rose from the dead.
3. And why did Kevin say the resurrection of Jesus was significant for our faith?
4. What did Jesus mean when he said at death "It is finished"? (See Romans 4:25). How did his rising from the dead, indicate that his work was indeed 'finished'?
5. Given it's important and significance, do you think we focus enough on Jesus' resurrection?
6. What does Jesus' resurrection mean to you? Do you think you may consider the resurrection differently when next you stand to declare you believe it? – or perhaps on Easter Day??

ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN AND SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER

7. See Philippians 2:5-11 for just some of the significance of Jesus' ascension.
8. What is the significance of Jesus interceding for us? (See Hebrews 7:25). What does it mean for you that Jesus is interceding for you?
9. What might be our reaction if we saw Jesus now in his all heavenly glory? (See Revelation 1:17.) How big is your concept of Jesus?

WILL COME TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

10. The great promise of Scripture is that the story isn't over! Jesus will return! And when he does, every knee will bow, and every tongue confess that he is Lord. See Revelation 1:7. Why did Kevin say people will mourn?
11. Why did Kevin say Jesus is coming back? How do you react? Are you looking forward to that day?
12. For those who are in relationship with Jesus, there will be no condemnation! For those who have rejected Jesus, that will not a good day! How do you react to this reality?

Kevin concluded by pointing out that *this phrase reminds us that Jesus is the resurrected Saviour, the ascended King and the coming Judge of all mankind. It is a message which is unpopular and often ridiculed. But as God's people we are called to believe it, to stand on it and proclaim it to a world that desperately needs to hear it.*

What will you personally take from this study?