

New City Catechism Class

Week Forty-Nine

Q45: Where is Christ now?

A45: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after His death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling His kingdom and interceding for us, until He returns to judge and renew the whole world.

Ephesians 1:20-21 “He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come (ESV).

The Question

- How might people answer this question?
- Why might there be confusion about the answer to this question?

The Answer and Scripture

“Christ rose bodily from the grave...”

- How do Ephesians 1:20-21 and other Scriptures confirm this answer?
- In what ways might people be confused about Christ’s bodily resurrection?
- How do we reconcile His bodily existence with statements about His presence with us?

“...on the third day after His death...”

- What Scriptures teach that Christ was raised on the third day?
- What Scriptures teach that Christ **would be** raised on the third day?

“...and is seated at the right hand of the Father...”

- In addition to Ephesians 1:20-21, what other Scripture teaches this?
- What is the significance of the “right hand” (cf. Matthew 20:20-21)?

“...ruling His kingdom...”

- What does Ephesians 1:20-21 say about this?
- What traditional role of Christ is marked by “ruling”?
- Why is this significant for us today?

“...and interceding for us...”

- What traditional role of Christ is marked by “interceding”?
- What Scripture confirms this role of Christ?
- What does it mean that Christ is interceding for us?

“...until He returns to judge and renew the whole world...”

- In what form is Christ returning?
- What works will He perform when He returns?