

RAISED TO RULE

Acts 13:32-37

We have been focusing on Jesus' death and resurrection this month, exploring how it guarantees us a better life in both the present and the future. This lesson concludes our focus by considering the way the New Testament portrays Jesus' resurrection as the pinnacle of the biblical story. We will therefore consider the New Testament's presentation of Jesus' right to rule and the kingdom over which he rules by virtue of his resurrection and consider what his resurrection-rule means for us.

Consider the following aspects of the New Testament's presentation of Jesus' resurrection:

Jesus' resurrection entitles him to God's covenant with David that promised a kingdom that would be "established forever"¹
(Acts 13:32-37; 2 Samuel 7:4-16)

Jesus' receipt of God's promise to David encompassed Daniel's vision of God's world-filling, enemy-defeating kingdom
(Acts 1:6-9; Daniel 7:1-14)

Jesus' resurrection-authority to rule covers all powers and authorities in both the physical and spiritual realms
(Matthew 28:18; Ephesians 1:15-23; Colossians 1:15-20; 1 Peter 3:21-22)

Jesus' rule resolves the sin problem and restores the creation to its proper place under God's sovereignty
(1 Corinthians 15:20-28; Revelation 21:1-22:5)

Jesus invites us to participate in his kingdom as his co-heirs
(Ephesians 6:10-13; Revelation 5:9-10; 22:5; Galatians 3:25-4:7)

¹ All quotes from the Bible come from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version* (ESV Permanent Text Edition, Crossway, 2016) unless otherwise noted.

Applications

- We are part of a story much larger than any one of us.
- Even though we participate in a story larger than any of us, we hold an important, privileged place in it.
- We are part of an unstoppably triumphant story - Jesus' victory ensures our victory.
- Jesus' resurrection gave him sovereign rule; we need to submit our lives to him in order to participate in His victory.