

This Same Jesus

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Christ with disciples, showing himself alive and speaking many things concerning the kingdom:

- with Cleopas and his friend, Caring on the way to Emmaus *“What manner of communications are these, that ye have, and are sad?”*
- With the eleven in an closed room, Comforting: *“Peace be unto you”* and Commissioning: *“As the Father hath sent me, so send I you...”*
- Up to Galilee to a mountain
- At Galilee on the shore, Fixing breakfast: *“Come and Dine”*
- Somewhere that over 500 brethren saw him at once.
- Back to Jerusalem, and then on out to Bethany on the 40th day

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Jesus blessed them with lifted arms, and while he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?

This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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- The Garden of Eden was elevated:
 - A river ran out of the garden (rivers run downhill) (Gen 2:10)
 - It was referred to as the Mountain of God (Ezekiel 28:13-14)
 - From here the first king & queen of the universe fell (Gen 3:23-24)
 - From here the king of Tyre was cast down (Ezekiel 28:17)
 - Lucifer rebelliously grasped for his own ascension (Isaiah 14:13)
 - Idolatrous worship was often in the ‘high places’
 - Tower of Babel “whose top may reach to heaven” (Gen 11:4)

The Tabernacle was a miniature, stylized Garden of Eden (Exodus 26:31) “Let us go up to the house of the Lord”

- Who can enter, as a priest? (Psalm 15) righteousness-prohibitive
- Who can enter, as a king? (Psalm 24) righteousness-prohibitive
- The High Priest would enter in once a year with sacrificial blood to sprinkle on the Mercy Seat, the symbolic throne of God (Lev 16)

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SHADOW

- Enoch walked with God, and was not for God took him
- Jacob's Ladder (Gen 28:12)
- Joseph's prison-partner the cupbearer; "Remember me when you return to your royal service"
- Elijah: ascended in a whirlwind and chariots of fire, left his mantle & a 'double portion of his spirit' with his follower Elisha (2Kings2)

SUBSTANCE

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- *"You'll see angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man"*
- *"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom"*
- *"Stay at Jerusalem until you be endued (clothed upon) with Power from on high"*