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**Revelation 13:8** - And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of **the Lamb, slain before the foundation of the world.**

Ephesians 1:4 - Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...just as He chose us in Him **before the foundation of the world.**

**2 Timothy 1:9** - Who has saved us...according to His own purpose and grace **before time began.**

**1 Peter 1:20** - Jesus indeed was foreordained **before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you.

**Acts 2:23** - Him, being delivered by the **determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God**, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain.

**John 3:13** - And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that **came down from heaven**, even the Son of man...

### The Great Descension

**John 17** - <sup>4</sup> I have glorified thee on the earth: I have **finished the work** which thou gave me to do.

<sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with you **before the world was.**

**Luke 24:44** - And he said unto them, These are the words which I spoke to you, while I was yet with you, **that all things must be fulfilled**, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, **concerning me.**



**PASSOVER  
FRIDAY  
14<sup>TH</sup>  
3 PM**



**UNLEAVENED  
BREAD  
SABBATH  
15<sup>TH</sup>  
ALL DAY**



**FIRST  
FRUITS  
SUNDAY  
16<sup>TH</sup>  
5 AM**

**BECAUSE BETWEEN FIRST FRUITS AND  
PENTECOST, JESUS...**

**Had the Great Ascension!**

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**Luke 24** - <sup>50</sup> And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.  
<sup>51</sup> And it came to pass, while he blessed them, **he was parted from them** and carried up into heaven.  
<sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem **with great joy**: **53** And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

**Acts 1** - <sup>9</sup> And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, **he was taken up; and a cloud received him** out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; <sup>11</sup> Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner** as ye have seen him go into heaven.

**Acts 1:52** - And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem **with great joy**...

**John 16** - <sup>5</sup> But now I go my way **to him that sent me**; and none of you asks me, Whither goest thou?  
<sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things unto you, **sorrow has filled your heart**. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth; **It is expedient for you that I go away**...

**Why is it EXPEDIENT?**

1. I will represent you
2. I will empower you
3. I will mention you
4. I will preserve you
5. I will come back for you

**I will Represent you**

**Psalms 24** - <sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the **King of glory** shall come in. <sup>8</sup> Who is this **King of glory**? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. <sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the **King of glory** shall come in.  
<sup>10</sup> Who is this **King of glory**? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Selah.

**Hebrews 9** - <sup>24</sup> For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now **to appear in the presence of God for us**:

**Note** – He appears as the official HEAD of our human race.

**1 John 4:17** - Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is (up in heaven), so are we in this world**.

**Note** - In His ascension, **Jesus bore** all His people with Him. **As Levi was in Abraham's loins** when he met Melchizedek, so we are **in Christ's loins** when he appeared before Father for us. (cf Hebrews 7:9-10)

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**Why is it Expedient? – I will empower you**

**Ephesians 4:8** - Wherefore he saith, When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, **he led captivity captive**, and gave gifts unto men

**Luke 11:13** - If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father **give the Holy Spirit** to them that ask him?

**John 14** - <sup>16</sup> And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you **another Comforter**, that he may abide with you forever; <sup>17</sup> Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it sees him not, neither knows him: but ye know him; **for he dwells with you, and shall be in you**. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you**

**Why is it Expedient? – I will mention you**

**Hebrews 7** - <sup>25</sup> Wherefore he is able also to **save them to the uttermost** that come unto God by him, seeing he **ever lives to make intercession** for them. <sup>22</sup> This makes Jesus the **guarantor of a better covenant**.

**Note** - Before Father, Jesus offers **no** strivings, and crying, **no** tears mingled with his pleadings. But rather, **with authority he intercedes**. He is a priest upon his throne, **blending with his plea the authority of his personal merit** of a fulfilled covenant.

**It is Expedient because – I will preserve you**

**1 Peter 1:5** - We, who are **kept by the power of God** through faith unto **salvation**...

**Isaiah 42:10** - Fear not, for **I am with you**; be not dismayed, for I am your God. **I will** strengthen you, **I will** help you, **I will** uphold you with my righteous right hand"

**It is Expedient because – I will come back for you**

**John 14** - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

<sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. **I go to prepare a place for you**. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, **I will come again** and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

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**There are 4 things God does not know:**

1. He does not know a SIN he does not hate;
2. He does not know a SINNER he does not love;
3. He does not know a SIN that he can't forgive;
4. He does not know a better time THAN NOW.

**He Lives!**