

“Jesus in a Hurry”

- I. The note in the margin of my Bible that referred to John 7:39. “The Holy Spirit could only be given after the crucifixion and acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice.” Why?
- II. Also in the margin is the reference to John 20:22. Let’s read John 20:16-22 The reason why Jesus was in a hurry was that He had lots to do that day. Where did He go?
- III. What did He do during those hours? “When the great sacrifice had been consummated, Christ ascended on high, refusing the adoration of angels until He had presented the request: ‘I will that they also, whom Thou hast given me, be with Me where I am.’ John 17:24 Then with inexpressible love and power came forth the answer from the Father’s throne: ‘Let all the angels of God worship Him.’ Hebrews 1:6 Not a stain rested upon Jesus. His humiliation ended, His sacrifice completed, there was given Him a name that is above every name.” *Great Controversy page 501*
- IV. How are we able to be with Jesus right now when He is in heaven?
- V. Luke 24:49 What is the promise of the Father?
- VI. John 15:26 “But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, *which proceedeth from the Father*, He shall testify of Me.”
- VII. So why did Jesus have to go to heaven and appear before His Father after His resurrection? In John 14:28 Jesus states that His Father is greater than He is. Why does Jesus say this? Jesus is fully God and fully man. Perhaps Jesus is concerned that His perfect humanity still might make Him less God and less able to ask for the Holy Spirit to be His representative on this earth. The Holy Spirit is not His to give but must come from His Father.
- VIII. Philippians 2:7-11 makes it very plain that the sacrifice of Jesus causes God the Father to elevate Him and not diminish Him.
- IX. “Before He left His disciples, Christ ‘breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost.’ John 20:22. Again He said, ‘Behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you.’ Luke 24:49 But not until after the ascension was the gift received in its fullness. Not until through faith and prayer the disciples had surrendered themselves fully for His working was the outpouring of the Spirit received.” *Christ’s Object Lessons, page 327*
- X. Have we surrendered fully so that we might receive the outpouring of the Holy Spirit?