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Why Believers Worship Jesus
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Matthew 28:16-20 & Acts 1:6-8

“And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me” (Matthew 28:18).

The Judeans eagerly expected the Messiah to come and fulfill the prophet Daniel’s vision in Daniel 7:14 — “And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.” During His earthly ministry, Jesus showed He was the One in Daniel’s vision by His dominion over demons, diseases, and death. He fed thousands and stilled storms. Before His resurrection from the dead, Jesus descended into the underworld and made a “proclamation to the spirits in prison” (1 Peter 3:19). After Jesus rose from the tomb, He appeared to many of His followers and proved that He had conquered death and the devil. When His followers went to Galilee as He commanded, He declared that His Father had given Him all authority in heaven and on earth, which fulfilled Daniel’s vision. When Jesus died on the cross, He saved from their sins and the power of sin all who would believe in Him. So, His followers worship Him as their Savior. After Jesus rose from the dead, God revealed that Jesus is the King of the universe. So, His

followers worship Him as their Lord. Forty days after Jesus' resurrection, He ascended into heaven where He sits on the throne of God and sends the Holy Spirit into all who believe in Him. Therefore, Jesus' followers worship Him as their God and wait for Him as "our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13).

Thinking Further

1. Do you think the eleven disciples would have gone to see Jesus in Galilee if they had not first been convinced in Jerusalem that He was raised from the dead? Give a reason for your answer.
2. What do you think some of the people doubted?
3. What did Jesus say about himself? What does that mean to you?
4. What are some commands Jesus gave the disciples? Should we obey them too?
5. What were the disciples to receive and how would this gift help them? Will this gift also help Christians today?

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