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5 Questions

1. ***What is Bird's take on the ascension of Jesus?***

Bird believes that the ascension of Jesus, including His exaltation to the right hand of God, is a significant element of the work of Christ.

2. ***How is the ascension of Jesus different from the session of Jesus?***

According to Bird, the ascension happened as a historical event when He was assumed into heaven, while the session is what Jesus is doing now as He sits at God's right hand .

3. ***What is an implication of the ascension of Jesus?***

The implications that Bird provides include Jesus ascending to heaven so that he can send the Holy Spirit to His followers and His ascension meaning that He is exalted to God's right hand.

4. ***How does Bird describe the gospel?***

Bird describes the gospel as a story about God, whereby the story within this story of Jesus the Messiah.

5. ***What is Bird's description of the preexistent Son?***

Bird states that Christ's pre-existence could be expressed as the Son of Mary being the incarnation of the eternal Son of God Who became human, and a conscious personal being before He took on flesh.

3 Definitions

1. **Parakletos-** Greek term for "advocate"

2. **Parresia-** Greek term for "confidence"

3. **Prosagg-** Greek word meaning "access"

Summary

In Sections 4.6 to 4.7.4 of *Evangelical Theology*, Bird begins by discussing the ascension and session of Jesus Christ, emphasizing its importance as it can be forgotten at times. In describing the ascension of Christ, Bird highlights the key differences between that and session, hence what is historical and what is current- along with implications. Bird then discusses Jesus in regards to the identity of God, initially diving into the story of the Messiah. Lastly, Bird walks us through the story of Jesus and Who he was at the Messianic Son, Pre Existing Son, connected to the God of Israel.