

531 Paper Week 4

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Questions

1. Why is the ascension neglected in the evangelical tradition?
2. What does the ascension relate to Trinitarian worship?
3. Why does ascension mark the ultimate defeat of our enemy?
4. Why were there many heretical thoughts about Jesus's divinity and humanity?
5. What does the Chalcedonian statement conclude about Jesus's humanity and divinity?

Answers

1. The evangelical tradition and theology mainly focus on the crucifixion of Jesus.
2. The ascension of Jesus marks the beginning of a trinitarian relationship that operated in the Holy Spirit. Jesus is now at the right hand of God, his divinity in full display, a position that is worthy of praise from God's people.
3. Because when Jesus resurrected from his death, he shows that he is the everlasting God that has the everlasting life. When Jesus ascended to heaven, he demonstrated his divinity with a human body (transformed) that breaks the curse of sin – you shall surely die.
4. According to Bird, most heretical thoughts about Jesus's divinity is contextualizing the divinity of Christ with the philosophical environment at the time.
5. The Chalcedonian Council concludes that Christ has two wills, a will of man and a will of God, they are not in confusion. The humanity of Christ is not replaced or absorbed into his divinity.

Terms

Session of Jesus. The session of Jesus is the term refers to the status of Jesus after the ascension and is now at the right hand of God the Father.

Docetism. Docetism is a heretical theology that focuses on forfeiting all material elements in faith.

Apollinarianism. Apollinarianism is a heretical theology that teaches Jesus does not have a human soul.

Summary

The ascension of Jesus marks the coming down of the Holy Spirit and the start of the worship of the divine Savior Jesus as Lord and God. He is fully human and also fully God while living on earth.