**SERMON SHEET 5/29/22**

**“Blessed Be the Name of the Lord, #2”**

**Text: Acts 1:1-11**

I. Introduction

II. Jesus, the Ascended One

1. Our Advocate
2. Our High Priest
3. Our King

III. Conclusion: a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Joe Thorn:

* *The bigger and more biblical your understanding of who Jesus is, the more likely he is to be an object of love and adoration, and the more likely that the idols that aim at capturing your attention and swaying your allegiance will lose their power*. *This is why you sometimes lack earnestness for the kingdom and the glory of God while you overflow with passion concerning temporal things*.
* *Instead of making a joyful noise and singing earnestly for the victory Christ has over sins and death, you express a dispassionate approval and mouth the words to the songs sung in worship. But there is more fire in your belly and shouts of joy when your favorite college football team is victorious over the competition. This is probably why the church is shrinking in North America – because small Jesus does not inspire awe, command respect, lead to worship, or compel us to talk of Him (much less suffer for Him). And small Jesus is too little to arrest the attention of the world*.

2. Octavius Winslow:

*Cultivate frequent and devout contemplations of the glory of Christ. Immense will be the benefit accruing to your soul.*

3. John Calvin:

*Being raised to heaven, He withdrew His bodily presence from our sight, not that He might cease to be with His followers, who are still pilgrims on the earth, but that He might rule both heaven and earth more immediately by His power.*

4. Thomas Watson:

*Let us exalt Christ in our hearts… Oh, adore and love Him! We cannot lift Christ up higher in heaven, but we may in our hearts. Let us exalt Him with our lips: let us praise Him! Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost, our tongues must be the organs in these temples. By praising and commending Christ, we exalt Him in the esteem of others. Let us exalt Him in our lives by living holy lives … Not all the doxologies and prayers in the world do so exalt Christ as a holy life; this makes Christ renowned and lifts Him up indeed when His followers walk worthy of Christ.*

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE TEXTS**

* **2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 3:1; Heb. 12:2; Ps. 27:4: John 12:21**
* **1 John 2:1: Acts 7:51-56; Job 16:18-21**
* **Heb. 4:14-16; Luke 22:31-32; John 17:9-24**
* **Daniel 7:9-14; Eph. 1:20-21; Acts 2:32-36; Phil. 2:8-11; Rev. 5:11-13; Ps. 103:19**
* **2 Thess. 1:5-12**