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Acts 1:9 “And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

A. Where is Jesus going? – A cloud received Him out of their sight.

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(a) **Jn 1:1-2**

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B. Why did Jesus return to heaven?

1. He went to receive His kingdom from the Father.

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C. What will He be doing there?

1. He will receive all authority and power. -

(a) **Heb 1:3**

(b) **Mt 28:18**

2. He will represent our wellbeing before the Father - **Rom 8:34**

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B. God does, however, want us to focus on the finish lines:

1. **Heb 12:1-2**
2. **Col 3:1-4**

IV. God promises the return of His Son in triumphal glory.

Acts 1:11b “...This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

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1. He will return in glory. **Mt 24:30**
2. He will return for us. **Mt 24:31**
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