

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

ACTS 1:1-11

Introduction:

The Ascension of Jesus Christ is the celebration or acknowledgment of the literal bodily return of Jesus into Heaven. The ascension occurred forty days after Christ's resurrection from the dead (Easter Sunday).

In this message, I will consider three aspects of the Ascension of Jesus Christ:

(1) The Background of the Ascension, (2) The Kingdom of God and (3) The Ascension of Christ.

I. The Background of the Ascension (vv. 1-5)

- A. The Book of Acts is ascribed to the authorship of Luke (v. 1a)**
- B. Luke reminded Theophilus that Jesus earthly ministry was coming to an end**
– “All that Jesus began both to do and teach” as recorded in the Gospel of Luke (v. 1c)
- C. Luke wrote to confirm the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (vv. 2-3)**
- D. Jesus “showed Himself alive after His passion by many infallible proofs” appearing to them for forty days (v. 3)**
- E. The Command of Jesus Christ (vv. 4-5)**

II. The Kingdom of God (vv. 6-8)

- A. The Apostles' Question (v. 6)**
- B. The Savior's Answer (v. 7)**
- C. The Believer's Task – The Great Commission (v. 8)**
 - Witnessing for Jesus is the business of all Christians – **Share Jesus!**
Who have you shared Jesus with lately?

III. The Ascension of Christ (vv. 9-11)

The Apostles stood looking and gazing at Jesus as He moved into Heaven beyond a cloud. They were amazed with delight.

- A. The Ascension of Christ is a Blessing (Luke 24:50-53)**
- B. The Ascension of Christ Assures us that God is Alive**
- C. The Ascension of Christ Assures us that Heaven is Real (Phil 3:20-31)**
- D. The Ascension of Christ proves that He is God's Son (Rom 1:3-4; Phil 2:5-11).**
- E. The Works of Intercession Began with the Ascension of Christ (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25).**
- F. The Promise of His Return (v. 10)**

Conclusion:

A. The Ascension is an important part of the ministry of Jesus Christ. He came to save us from our sins and one day He is returning to take us to Heaven. **Be Ready!**

B. Jesus Is Coming Again

- Are you ready to meet the Lord? Are you ready for when the Lord shall come? (2 Cor 6:2).

C. Romans Road: (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).