

THE ASCENSION

Jesus Ascends to the Father

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Lesson 51 – Mark 16:19-20 and Luke 24:50-53

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Theme: Jesus left this earth and His disciples, ascending to heaven with to be seated at the right hand of His Father and receive glory, honor and authority over the universe.

I. Jesus leaves His disciples

Luke 24:50-51

1. Jesus blessed His disciples as He left them
2. Jesus left them in His human body
3. Jesus ascended to a place --- heaven
4. Jesus was seated at the right hand of God
 - A. Fulfilled Scripture
 - B. Completed of His work of redemption
 - C. Received authority over the universe
 - D. Intercedes with the Father on our behalf

Jesus left the earth, blessing his disciples, as He ascended bodily to heaven, to be seated at the right hand of God. In the fulfillment of Scripture, after He completed His work of redemption, He was given glory and authority over the universe and intercedes with the Father on our behalf.

II. His disciples rejoice

Luke 24:52-53

1. His disciples immediately worshiped Him
2. His disciples were filled with great joy
3. His disciples returned to the temple in Jerusalem, where they were continually praising God
4. His disciples obeyed His instructions

Jesus disciples worshiped Him and were filled with joy because they understood the Scriptures. They understood who Jesus is and what He demanded of them!

Acts 1:7-8 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; ⁸but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

III. Summary of *Harmony of the Gospels*

Who is Jesus? What does He demand of me?

The Gospels teach us Jesus is:

A. Jesus is fully man

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| 1. Born as a baby | Luke 1:34-35 |
| 2. Grew to become an adult | Luke 2:52 |
| 3. Became weary | John 4:6 |
| 4. Became thirsty | John 19:28 |
| 5. Became hungry | Matthew 4:2 |
| 6. Marveled | Matthew 8:10 |
| 7. Grieved | Matthew 26:37-38 |
| 8. Wept | John 11:35 |
| 9. Died | Luke 23:46 |

B. Jesus is fully God

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| 1. Is eternal | John 1:2 John 1:14 John 8:58 |
| 2. Is God | John 10:30 |
| 2. Is in heaven | Matthew 26:64 |
| 3. Is omnipotent | Matthew 8:26 Matthew 14:19 John 2:7-8 |
| 4. Is omniscient | John 4:18 Mark 2:8 John 21:17 |
| 5. Is omnipresent | Matthew 28:20 |
| 6. Is sovereign | Mark 2:10-11 Matthew 5:28 2 Samuel 12: John 10:18 |
| 7. Is worthy of worship | Luke 4:8 John 9:38 Matthew 14:33 Matthew 28:9 |

The Gospels teach us Jesus demands us:

1. To be born again **John 3:3**
2. To repent **Luke 5:32**
3. To believe **John 14:**
4. To love Jesus **John 8:42**
5. To follow Jesus **Luke 9:23**
6. To worship Jesus **John 4:24**
7. To love others – neighbor and enemies **Matthew 22:39 Luke 6:27**
8. To do the Father's will **Matthew 7:**
9. To make disciples **Matthew 28:19**