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Bible study for the week starting May 16, 2021
SENT>> The Ascension of Jesus

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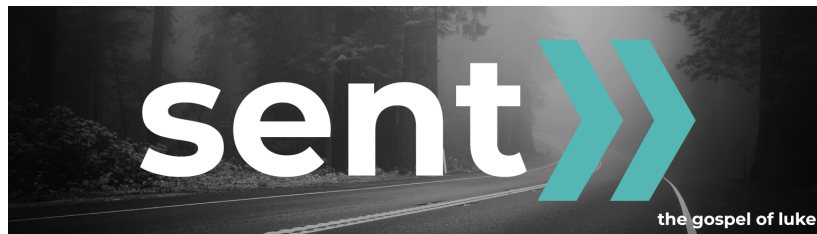
1. Ascension Day is the forgotten festival of the Christian Church. Sure, there's a line in the creed – "He ascended into heaven" – but why do you think it doesn't get the emphasis of, say, Christmas or Easter? Keep in mind, one of the simple, powerful confessions of the church through history has been, "Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!"

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Luke 24:36-53. Feel free to also read the ascension account of Matthew 28, and compare the two. What important things is Jesus doing on the way up?
3. Read Acts 1:1-11. This is the continuation of the end of Luke's Gospel (same author). Why the different versions of the same story? What different insights do you get from this passage?
4. The Ascension of Jesus is one of those events where you wish you could have been there. Look at the details again, and then spend some time imagining what it would have been like for you. How would you have felt? What would you have thought? How would you have reacted? How would you have told others about it?
5. The insight I thought about this time through reading these texts and preaching about them is what it would have taken for the disciples to not see Jesus leaving as a disappointment. How would you answer this?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share some specific things that are on your hearts and spend some time talking to Jesus about them, knowing He sits at the right hand of the Father and intercedes for us (Romans 8)!!



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Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1:1-11

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What is Jesus doing at the right hand of the Father?

- [INTERCEDING](#) for us
- [PREPARING](#) a place for us
- [CELEBRATING](#) the victory
- [REIGNING](#) with all authority

“The crisis of [LONELINESS](#)” vs. “God’s [CIRCLE](#) of protection”

Jesus’ presence is not a [PLATITUDE](#);
it’s a [PROMISE](#) of [POWER](#).

From the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms, Jesus explained to them also “that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be [PROCLAIMED](#) in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.”

In the eyes of Jesus there is no drop-off between the [PHYSICAL](#) presence of God in flesh – of God with a voice box – and what would [FOLLOW](#).

The [FUTURE](#), eternal blessings of God are so certain in your life that they are also your [PRESENT](#) reality.

“They worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God;” they weren’t [DISAPPOINTED](#).

They had clearly seen enough from Jesus to know that when He said something [GREAT](#) will happen next, they waited with [EXPECTATION](#) for what He promised to happen.