

THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST

ACTS 1:3-11

I wonder how much planning and strategizing went into Jesus leaving the earth. He had already done it once through death, but three days later he was back. Now it was time to bring a sense of closure and, at the same time, help transition the disciples into architects for the New Testament church. So, what would his exit strategy be? And how could he be certain that after his departure the positive changes and the reality of a new regime—grace rather than law—would be embraced and passed on from one generation to the next?

I. Jesus' _____ to his ministry.

- A. He made many _____.
- B. He gave specific _____.
- C. He _____.

II. The angels' _____ to the disciples.

- A. Jesus was _____.
- B. Jesus will _____ for you.

III. The disciples' _____ to the miracles.

- A. They _____ and _____ in Jerusalem.
- B. They united in _____.

***Why is the ascension of first importance to the Christian?*

1. *Because a _____ is taking place.*
2. *Because it paved the way for Christ's _____ to be _____.*