

Jesus: Taste & See that the Lord is Good

Jesus is Ascended

Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Acts 1:6-11

Main Idea: Jesus Christ Has Ascended and Has Given Us His Mission

I. Jesus' Mission Shows Us God's Heart

"So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.'" Acts 1:6-7

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10

"In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:9-10

"The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance." 2 Peter 3:9

II. Jesus' Commission Shows Us Our Role

"And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" Matthew 28:18-20

Discipleship is Intentional!

Who can I disciple? (Who will you bring along with you as you follow Jesus?)

Who has God placed in your circle?

How do I make disciples?

1. Share the Gospel

The Best News Training

2. Help others grow

HEAR Journal

- **Highlight** - Make a note of the passage you're reading, specifically the section that spoke to you most.
- **Explain** - Why was this passage written? Who was it written to? How does it fit in the original context? What was God communicating through this text?
- **Apply** - What does the text mean for me today? How does it apply to my life and context? What is God saying to me?
- **Respond** - React to what you've learned. Does it lead you to worship? Does it lead to action or a change in your life? Write it down and then talk to God, asking Him to use what you learned to make you more like Jesus today!

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