

# Intro to Acts: Jesus Ascends Part 2

Acts 1:1-11

**Main Point:** Because Jesus ascended, we can live in the power of the \_\_\_\_\_ and witness to His resurrection!

1. Jesus' ascension marked the \_\_\_\_\_ by God of Jesus' work of redemption. John 4:34; 6:38

> Hebrews 1:3b 'After He provided purification for sins, He sent down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.'

\*Jesus' finished work has brought us forgiveness and redemption. > Romans 3:24-25

> This is why Luke records Peter's words in Acts 4:12...

2. Jesus' ascension inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promised Spirit. verse 4.

Jesus taught this in John 16:7; 14:16-20, 25-26

> \*So important Jesus tells them to wait for the Spirit.

Ezekiel 36:24-27; Jeremiah 31:33 > \*This is the transforming of our minds and hearts we need to live and witness for Jesus!

The Spirit prepares us for the works we are to do! Eph.2:10

The Spirit releases the spiritual gifts God gives to us:

I Cor. 12:4-6 No longer 'I have to do this' > 'I want to...'

3. Jesus ascension marked the return of the Lord Jesus to the Father - to the \_\_\_\_\_ He had before with the Father.

\*Glory = full of \_\_\_\_\_ John 14:28; 16:5; 17:4-5

\*We are to look forward to His return, but be focused on the Mission He's given us!