

# Intro to Acts: Jesus Ascends

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. The ascension inaugurated the \_\_\_\_\_ of the promised Spirit. verse 4. Jesus taught John 14:16-20; 16:7

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

What does the Spirit do? Let's look at scriptures of the promise - Ezekiel 36:24-27; Jeremiah 31:33

\*This is the transforming of our minds and hearts we need for holy living and empowered witness!

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!