

What Jesus' Ascension Teaches Us

Acts 1.6-11; Ephesians

After Jesus' resurrection, He was on earth for almost six weeks. He taught of His kingdom and told followers to stay in Jerusalem till the Holy Spirit came. Then He ascended up into the clouds, out of their sight. Is this important? Yes! What does the ascension teach us?

'Act 1' of Jesus' rescue mission of humanity is completed.

Christ is now exalted; 'Act 2' is His coming as King of kings.

Limitations of the incarnation are over – the Spirit is here!

Jesus is now interceding for believers at the throne of God.

Our future ascension to glory will be in our physical bodies.

Keep looking up: The way He went is the way He will return!



Living in Anticipation of Return and His Kingdom

The crucifixion of Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice which paid the price for the sin of the world (Jn. 1.29; 1 Jn. 2.2). The resurrection declared victory over sin and death, and secured our future resurrection (1 Cor. 15.20-23, 51-57). The ascension brought Jesus' first coming to an end, and signaled the coming 'Church Age,' or 'age of the Spirit,' which began on the Day of Pentecost. Read the following Bible passages; reflect on His present ministry in heaven, and our future hope because of His promised return.

Acts 1.6-11 –

Ephesians 1.20-23 –

Hebrews 4.14-16 –

Matthew 16.24-27 –

Romans 8.31-39 –

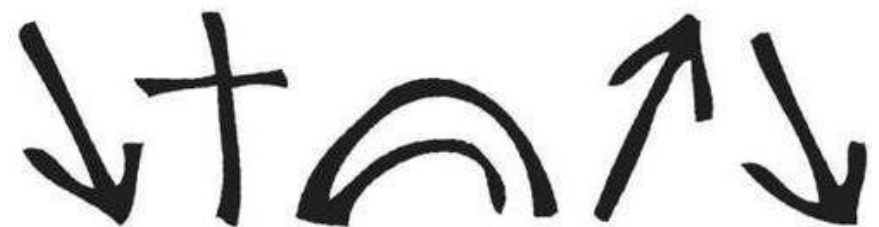
Ephesians 4.8-13 –

Matthew 25.31 –

Mark 13.24-26 –

Titus 2.11-14 –

Revelation 19.11-16; 20.1-6 –



Do you know where we presently are in this diagram?