



“The Ascension of Jesus”

Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
May 26, 2024

Introduction – Luke writes the Acts of the Apostles to Theophilus to show him why Christianity is true and what accounts for its explosive growth. Not only was Jesus raised from the dead, He ascended into heaven.

I. Learn the Truth of God’s Kingdom.

- A. The disciples ask Jesus if God’s Kingdom was coming now.
- B. But the disciples have a faulty idea about God’s Kingdom.
- C. Jesus’ answer to their question is amazing.
- D. What does Jesus’ ascension have to do with God’s Kingdom?

II. The Ascension of Jesus Christ.

- A. There are three ways that Jesus’ ascension changes everything in our relationship to God.

B. First, Jesus ascended to the right hand of God to rule over all and to be our overwatch.

1. Jesus rules over history and the good and bad things in our life.

2. Jesus is working to defeat evil by turning it on itself.

3. The cross is the model for Him doing just that.

4. How does God work all things together for Good?

5. The example of Dothan.

C. Second, Jesus’ ascension gives us a greater intimacy with God.

D. Third, Jesus’ ascension gives us an advocate in heaven.

Conclusion.

