



## *The Ascension of Jesus*

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:6-11

### 1. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ US AS OUR ROYAL HIGH PRIEST.

**Luke 24:50–53** *When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.*

***We are far better off with Jesus in heaven!***

**Hebrews 4:14–16** *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

### 2. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ US WITH A GREAT MISSION.

**Acts 1:6–8** *Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

***We are commissioned to be a star in His Big Story.***

**Matthew 28:18–20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

### 3. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ US WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**Acts 1:8** *You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you,*

***Through the Spirit, we always have access to Jesus.***

**John 16:6–7** ... *You are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.*

**Acts 7:55–56** *But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”*

***Though we can’t see Him, we always look to Him.***

**Hebrews 12:2 NIV84** *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

### 4. JESUS \_\_\_\_\_ US BY PROMISING HIS RETURN.

**Acts 1:9–11** *After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”*

***He is preparing an abundant eternal home for us.***

**John 14:1–4a** *Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.*