



The Ascension of Jesus—What Does It Mean?

Acts 1:9-11

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As powerful as the resurrection of Jesus from the dead was, it was not God's final act as it relates to our salvation. God was not through. Our sins had been paid for and our salvation had been purchased but everything was still not in place for mankind to live successfully as believers.

God raised Jesus from the dead, but He was still on earth for forty days. He made bodily appearances to His Disciples—**1 Corinthians 15:5-6**. He was seen by the Apostles and over 500 people. But, this 40th day was different—**Verse 9**.

Why didn't Jesus continue here on earth? Why was His ascension necessary?

1. **For Jesus To Get His Glory Back.—John 17:4-5.** God had to give Jesus His glory back.

The cloud in Verse 9 represents God's Shekinah Glory.

2. **For Believers To Trust His Word Instead Of Relying On His Physical Presence—John**

20:25, 29; Verse 8.

3. **For God To Exalt Jesus—Ephesians 1:20-23, Philippians 2:9.**

 4. **For Believers To Have A Secured Place—John 14:1-3.**

 5. **For Believers To Receive Gifts—Ephesians 4:7-8.**

 6. **For Jesus To Operate As Our High Priest—Hebrews 4:14-16, Romans 8:34.**

 7. **For The Church To Begin—Matthew 16:18-19.** His dramatic departure was saying a new era was about to begin.

 8. **For Us To Understand His Return—Verse 11.**
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