
Stand-Alone Message

WHY THE ASCENSION IS GOOD NEWS

Acts 1:1-11 & Selected Scriptures

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Introduction: Abandonment is painful. Thus, for many people, the memory of a loved one leaving marks a scarring chapter in their lives. Partly for that reason, it can be hard to understand why Scripture celebrates the Ascension of Jesus (i.e., his return to heaven) as a crucial aspect of the “good news.”

Today, as we move from Easter Sunday to the next movement in the gospel story, we’ll see that Christ’s Ascension is not about abandonment at all. In fact, it’s just the opposite. And we’ll see why his heavenly enthronement truly matters for the way we live, the hope we have, and the way we view our risen Savior.

Four reasons to celebrate Christ’s Ascension:

- 1. Enthronement**

- 2. Atonement**

3. Intercession

4. Indwelling