

Life in the Word

Cornerstone Sermon-based Life Group Lesson



Sermon Series: **Special focus on the ascension and return of Christ**

Sermon Title: **The Ascension of Jesus and Its Meaning**

Scripture Passage: **Acts 1:9-11**

Getting Started *Sharing from personal experience*

1. In Revelation 22:7 Jesus says, "And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book." Most Christians would say they are anxious for the return of Christ and we might wonder, "What is Jesus waiting on? Why hasn't He returned by now?" That's the opening discussion this week. What do you think Jesus is "waiting on?" Try to give some scriptural support for your perspective, if you can.

Observation *Discovering the context*

2. Fulfilled prophecy is Jesus' calling card of authenticity. It identifies Him as who He says He is. In His first coming, Jesus fulfilled more than _____ detailed prophecies that identified Him as the true Messiah. Name at least three of those fulfilled prophecies and the scriptures where you found them.
3. Read Ephesians 1:20-22. In your own words, what is the significance of Jesus' return to His Father in heaven?

4. In Revelation 21:1-5 Jesus reveals the heart of God for humanity, the plan that would have unfolded so differently had Adam and Eve not chosen the path of rebellion and eaten from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Jesus says, “Behold, I am making all things new!” What “new things” are you most looking forward to in the new heaven and new earth?

Interpretation *Discovering the meaning*

5. Read Job 1:9-10. What was Satan’s accusation against Job?
6. Read Revelation 12:10. What type of accusations do you think Satan brings against Believers before God “day and night?”
7. Read Luke 4:13. What does this tell you about Satan’s determination to destroy your faith in God?
8. The Bible shows us that the return of Jesus to the earth is a two-fold plan. What is going to happen in stage one? (Hint: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17)
9. Stage two’s promise of Jesus’ return is found in Matthew 24:30, where Jesus says, “...then all the tribes of the earth will mourn...” Why will they mourn? Use scripture to defend your answer.

Core Truths Discovering Biblical truth

In your own words, share at least one core truth God has shown you in this week's study and why it is timely or significant for you.

Practice Makes Progress Putting knowledge into practice

What action is the Lord prompting you to take this week as a result of being in His Word?

Worth Memorizing

Scripture: "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." John 14: 1-3

Prayer Time

How can your Life Group pray for you this week?

Praise Time

How has God blessed you and answered prayer this week?