

New HOPE

Part 3: Ascension
Text: Acts 1:8-11

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

This scripture gives us some insight into what the Lord

_____ during the forty days after His resurrection.

- Death of Jesus Romans 5:6-10
- Burial of Jesus Matthew 27:57-60
- Resurrection of Jesus Luke 24:5-8
- 40 days of visitation John 20:19-31
- Ascension Luke 24:45-53

John 20:19-31

Jesus appeared to 514 people that we know about during His forty

days before _____.

- Apostles John 20: 27-31
- Peter and James 1 Corinthians 15:5,7
- Road to Emmaus Luke 24:31-35

Matthew 27:51-53

Some Old Testament saints were resurrected at Jesus' death and went into the city after His resurrection to _____ of the Messiah.

Luke 24:49-53 | Matthew 28:18-20 | Acts 1:8-11

Jesus gave _____ to His disciples and then ascended into a cloud.

- Repentance and remission of sins
- We are to be witnesses
- The promise of the Holy Spirit
- Commanded to go into all the world
- Given authority over the devil

What took place at the ascension and what was the cloud representing?

Matthew 12:40	Ephesians 4:8-11	Psalm 68:18
Luke 16:19-31	Colossians 2:14, 15	Hebrews 12:1
Revelation 1:17, 18	Psalm 24:7-10	Daniel 10:12-14

Ephesians 4:8-12 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men." (9) (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? (10) He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) (11) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, (12) to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...

Colossians 2:14, 15 (NKJV) ...having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. (15) Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Summary

1. The Lord's crucifixion paid the penalty for our sins.
2. The resurrection demonstrated that the power of sin was broken.
3. The ascension demonstrated that the devil did not have the power in the earthly or heavenly realm to stop the purposes of God.
4. Discuss Ephesians 4:8-11 and Colossians 2:14, 15.

Discussion Questions for D12

1. Discuss the five statements under 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 and make some application to your own life.
2. Talk about the different appearances of Christ and the significance of each.
3. Read Acts 1:8-11 and discuss the five statements listed under the scripture.

Prayer

Let's pray for the excitement of the Easter Season to continue.