

Sermon Notes – May 18, 2023 – What happened on Ascension Day?  
Acts 1, Revelation 5, Luke 24

On Ascension Day...

1. Jesus left \_\_\_\_\_

- Bodily into heaven (like His birth)
- Quietly (not like His birth)
- Two Angels explained (both like and not like His birth)
- He will return visibly

- Yet Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ remains with us

2. Heaven \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus

- Heaven was waiting for Jesus to return. John records in the visions in Revelation

“Who will open the \_\_\_\_\_?”

“Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has \_\_\_\_\_ so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” Rev. 5:9-10

- As he died, Stephen was given to see into heaven and he saw Jesus receive this glory.

Now when they heard these things they were enraged, and they ground their teeth at him. But he, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.” But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. Acts 7:54-58

3. Jesus taught and explained that He wants many more to know and believe in His death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, and reign – that many more might be saved.

- Jesus appointed His apostles and first generation of disciples to be His \_\_\_\_\_

- Jesus opened their minds so that they understood the \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all \_\_\_\_\_. This is both Law and Gospel teaching and preaching.

- ALL Jesus taught is supposed to part of making disciples (Matt. 28:20)

- All Scriptures, with application to all situations (all nations), Speaking Forgiveness, Baptism, and Lord’s Supper

4. On Ascension Day Jesus received His victory coronation in heaven, while also leaving His disciples yet on earth the task of expanding His kingdom with His teaching and His Baptism;...and in all these tasks to love one another.

“For it [the kingdom of heaven] will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away... (Mt. 25:14f)

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. (1 John 4:23)

- Jesus is bodily in heaven, but He has not left us alone.

- We have the \_\_\_\_\_ (the Comforter)

- We have Jesus’ Words, Baptism and His Body and Blood in His Meal

- As God’s love abides in us, we also love one another. (1 John 4:11-12)

- We have His presence where two are three are gather in His Name. (Mt. 18:20)