

THE LORD'S ASCENSION

(Acts 1:9-14)

I. AN INTRODUCTION

II. CHRIST'S COMMISSION TO HIS DISCIPLES

A. The Apostles' Commission (1:1-8)

1. Verse 8 contains an inspired outline of the Book of Acts; the Holy Spirit was the _____ to fulfill this divine mission. (v. 8a)
2. These chosen apostles were _____ called to be philosophers or theologians, but _____ of Jesus Christ. (v. 8b)
3. The _____ was to have a "ripple" effect, from Jerusalem all the way to Rome and way _____. (v. 8c)

III. THE ASCENSION OF JESUS CHRIST

A. The Lord's Ascension (1:9-11)

1. Just as the Shekinah glory cloud was used in the O.T. (Ex. 13:21-22; 24:15-18; 33:9-10; 40:34-35) and in the earthly life of Jesus (Matt. 17:5; Luke 9:34-35), here a _____ enveloped Jesus and _____ Him away. (v. 9)
2. The disciples needed to see Jesus make this _____ on the Mount of Olives, it brought them closure that He really did literally, _____ the earth.
3. As the disciples intently watched Jesus _____ from their sight, two angels appeared to give them the divine _____ on what was actually taking place before their very eyes. (v. 10)

4. The apostles were given an assurance that the Ascension of Jesus was a guarantee that they could also _____ His _____ “*in like manner.*” (v. 11, cf. Matt. 24:30)

* Will Christ actually step down on the Mount of Olives at His Second Coming? (Dan. 7:13 Zech. 14:2-4, Joel 3:1-2, 12-14; Matt. 24:30; 26:63-64; Mark 13:24-26; 14:61-62; Rev. 1:7-8; 14:14)

* Why was Christ’s ascension so significant?

B. The Disciples Return to the Upper Room (1:12-14)

1. After the monumental event of the Ascension, the disciples _____ Jesus’ command to return to Jerusalem to _____ the coming of the Holy Spirit. (v. 12)
2. The definite article “*the*” with “*upper room*” in the Greek text (v. 13), suggests this may have been the location of the _____ (Luke 22:11-13), and the same place the apostles met later on in the book of Acts (9:37-39; 20:8).
3. Luke took special note of the fact that the disciples were joined by other _____ (Luke 8:2-3; 23:48-49), and Jesus’ _____, and his biological _____ (Matt. 13:55-56) who were now saved after the resurrection. (v. 14)

* What were they doing in this upper room gathering that is so significant?

* What can you personally apply from this passage today?