

The Ascension of Jesus Christ

Read Acts 1:3-11

What would you do if you had a time machine?

As Christians, there is a lot of focus on the Birth, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, but not a lot of attention seems to go to the Ascension.

The ascension is important because it completes the salvation story. We do not want “half-baked” theology.

Format for the message today:

- 1) Spend some time in the period between the resurrection and the ascension.
- 2) Discuss the ascension and the eternal truths related
- 3) The mission of the church after the ascension

Luke 24:10-11; 24-27

A word on belief/ unbelief - why is it so hard to believe?

Eph. 2:4-9; Romans 8:29-30; Mark 9:24

Why we need a physical Jesus - the God-Man

Why did Jesus come back after the resurrection? For physical proof, to open the eyes of unbelief, and to give final orders before his final return.

Luke 24:36-42; John 24:24-31

How should we think about God’s kingdom?

“Inaugurated Eschatology” Here but not yet - the end of the beginning

Theological significance of the ascension:

- 1) Real physical body
- 2) Sits at God’s right hand in glory (authority)
- 3) To show the work is completed

What does all this mean for us?

- 1) Our ascension will be like Jesus
- 2) We will have eternal dwelling with Jesus
- 3) We have/ will have authority over various things

The final thought: The mission of God is our mission!