

LEARNING WITH LUKE 24:50-53 “TIME TO ASCEND” P. 1052 ESV PEW BIBLE

LUKE 24:50-53 - Then He led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple blessing God. **ACTS 1:9** - And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. **MARK 16:19** - So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God.

Luke first wrote about the descension of Christ in His incarnation. Now comes the culmination of the prophecies, the elevation of Christ as King to the throne of the universe, the ultimate act of glory in His ascension. -RC Sproul

1- JESUS BLESSES THE DISCIPLES - promises

Luke 24:44-49, Acts 1:2-3 - His commands
Luke 24:50-53, Lev 9:22-23, Num 6:23-27 - blessing
John 3:13, 6:62, 7:33, 8:21, 13:1,3,33,36, 14:12,28,
16:5-7,10,16,17,19,28, 17:5,11,13, 20:17 - foretold
Luke 9:31,51, 22:69 - departure & exaltation

The disciples have clear knowledge, with unmingled joy, as they understand the meaning of Christ's works. -JC Ryle

2- HE PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT - power

Luke 24:49, Acts 1:4-5,8 - from on high
Matt 3:11, 28:16-20, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, 12:12
John 1:33, 7:39, 14:16,17,26, 15:26, 16:7,13,31, 20:22 - foretold

Christ's exaltation will bring about His intercession for us, His presence with us, His power through us. -RK Hughes

3- HE INFORMS THEIR QUESTIONS - authority

Acts 1:6-7 - not for you to know
Matt 21:4-5,9, Mark 11:9-10, Luke 19:37-39,
John 11:45-53, 12:13-15 - triumphal entry
Jer 31:31-34, Joel 2:28-32, Ezek 36:25-27, 37:4-5,14 - foretold
Acts 1:8, Col 1:6,23 - witnesses of My kingdom

The re-glorification of Christ Jesus, an acquired glory, appears to be more glorious than His original glory. -RK Hughes

4- JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN - exaltation

Luke 24:51, Mark 16:19 - taken
Acts 1:9-11, 2:33-34 - carried up
Exod 19:9, Ezek 10:4, Luke 9:28-36 - cloud
Dan 7:13-14, John 17:1-5,24 (1:1-5),
Eph 1:20-23, Phil 2:9-11 - coronation
1Pet 3:22, 1Tim 3:16, Rev 5:6-13

Jesus is lifted up in His visible physical resurrected body, and enveloped by the cloud of God's presence. -AJ Kostenberger

5- CHRIST LIVES & REIGNS TODAY - universal & ultimate

Heb 1:1-3, Col 1:15-19 - head & upholder
Heb 4:14-16, 7:25, 9:24, Rom 8:26-39 - mediator
Psa 2:7-9 (1-12), 68:18, 110:1,4,5 (1-7),
Acts 2:32-36, Eph 4:7-13 - spiritual gifts
Eph 2:6, Col 3:1-4, 1Cor 15:20-28 - raises up
John 14:1-3 - preparing a place
Luke 24:52-53 - joyful obedience
Mark 16:20, John 14:12 - word, work, witness

The ascension marks the end of the work Jesus came to do on earth, and the beginning of what He continues to do in & through the church. The disciples overflow with joy, for He will fulfill His commission through them. -RC Sproul

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5-29 **Luke 24:50-53** - ascension
5-30 **Acts 1:3-11** - exaltation
5-31 **Phil 2:6-11** - glorification
6-01 **Psalms 110:1-7** - right hand
6-02 **Eph 4:1-16** - grace gifts
6-03 **Col 3:1-4** - raised in Him
6-04 **Dan 7:13-14** - dominion

The Spirit of God works the Word of God so the people of God become like the Son of God

♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

