

Portraits of Christ from Luke Clarifying the Ascension

Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1:1-11

Only one Gospel describes and explains the Ascension - **Luke**
Matthew and John don't mention it at all
Mark in the longer ending mentions it
Why? - Gospels were finished and complete without it.

Luke makes the connection from the Gospels to the Church

Luke 24: 36 -49

Convincing Proofs **24:36-43**

Showed hands and feet
Ate something in their presence

Clear Teaching **24:44-47a**

Explanation from Moses, Prophets and Psalms
Showing Christ must suffer and rise again
Repentance and forgiveness of sins

Command to mission **24:47b-49**

Proclaimed to all nations
In the name (authority of Christ)
Beginning at Jerusalem

Blessing on the mount **24:50-51**

Ascension in their sight

Acts 1:1-11

Opening Summary **1:1-3**

Final instructions and promise **1:4-8**

Correction of misconceptions
Stay in Jerusalem and wait
The power to be witnesses - the Holy Spirit
The plan to witness - from Jerusalem - outward

Ascension Details **1:9-11**

He was lifted up
Received into a cloud
To Angels appear and instruct

What is the Meaning?

Separation that lead to

Disconnection that became a connection
Promise given - not left as orphans
Good that He left - **John 16:7**

Intimacy

John 14:18

Consummation that was the

Ending which was really the beginning
Acts 1:1 - all He began to do,

commencement

Hebrews 1:3

Confirmation that brings

Validation leading to confidence
A completion of Salvation
A completion of the plan for the church

assurance

Hebrews 6:19-

Ephesians 4:7-12

Transition that heightens our

Transformation that gives us expectation
Transformation that gives us confidence to receive

anticipation

I John 3:1-2

Hebrews 5:14-16

What should our reaction be?

Like the Disciples in **Luke 24:52-53**

1. Worship

-He is truly God and worthy of worship

2. Joy

-We have this assurance that gives us joy

3. Praise

-We are here to praise Christ before others

4. Obedience

-Follow His instructions for your life

Wait - be filled - be witnesses