

When He Ascended...

Empowered: Part 5

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Where do we find Jesus _____?

“If I go away and prepare a place for you, I will come back and receive you to Myself, so that where I am you may be also.”

John 14:3

“And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:20

While He was going, they were gazing into heaven, and suddenly two men in white clothes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven.”

Acts 1:10-11

When Jesus ascended, it marked a change in the way His followers _____ His presence.

“Lord, don’t You care that my sister has left me to serve alone? So tell her to give me a hand.”

The Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Luke 10:39-42

Then they said to Him, “John’s disciples fast often and say prayers, and those of the Pharisees do the same, but Yours eat and drink.”

Jesus said to them, “You can’t make the wedding guests fast while the groom is with them, can you? But the days will come when the groom will be taken away from them – then they will fast in those days.”

Luke 5:33-35

“Woman,” Jesus said to her, “why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?”

Supposing He was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you’ve removed Him, tell me where you’ve put Him, and I will take Him away.”

Jesus said, “Mary.”

Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni” – which means “Teacher.”

“Don’t cling to Me,” Jesus told her, “For I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to My brothers and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father – to My God and your God.”

John 20:15-17

Jesus’ shifted His tone to “Go and _____.”

“Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” After saying this, He breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain any, they are retained.”

John 20:21-23

You will encounter Jesus in the fullest way while you are _____.

Being on _____ means working with and for _____.

“When He ascended on high, He took prisoners into captivity; He gave gifts to people.” But what does “He ascended” mean except that He descended to the lower parts of the earth? The One who descended is the same as the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.

And He personally gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the training of the saints in the work of the ministry, to build up the body of Christ, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of God’s Son, growing into a mature man with a stature measured by Christ’s fullness.

Ephesians 4:8-13

“For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there among them.”

Matthew 18:20

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted