

# The Joy of the Ascension

## Luke 24:44-53

### I. Introduction

-Why don't we celebrate Ascension Day?

-The Ascension is always celebrated on the Thursday that is 40 days after Easter.

### II. The Shadow of Christ in the Books of Moses: Luke 24: 44-45

-Confusion mixed with Joy, Luke 24:41

-Dianoigo – he opened their minds, Mark 7:34, Acts 16:14

<u>OT Event</u>	<u>Relation to Christ</u>	<u>Scripture</u>
Adam	Christ as head of new creation	Ge ch.1-5; Rom 5:14, I Cor. 15:45
Flood	Baptism	Ge ch.7; I Peter 3:18-22
Passover	Christ as our Passover	Ex ch12; I Cor 5:7, I Pe 1:19, John 1:29, Rev 12:11
Leviticus	Christ as Priest and sacrifice	Leviticus; Hebrews
Wilderness	Christ as rock and manna	Numbers; I Cor 10:1-11

- tupikos – meaning to impress an image, or the power to mold
- the tip of the iceberg

### III. The Gospel According to Moses? Luke 24: 46-47

- Have an “opened” mind.
- Jesus says that Jonah is a sign pointing to himself. Mtt. 12: 38-41

#### Jonah

Rejection of Israel

In the whale 3 days

Message to Ninevah

#### Jesus

Rejection of Israel

In the earth 3 days

Message to the Gentiles

- Abraham was preached the Gospel.
- John 8:56, Galatians 3:8
- The faithful in the OT believed in what?

### IV. The Ascension. Luke 24: 48-53

- The Light has been turned on.
- Psalm 110
- Christ is King.

### V. Conclusion

- Ascension Day celebration next year.
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- We too have “opened minds.”
- Consider it all joy.