

## **The Ascension of Christ (Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24: 50, 51)**

- Why is the resurrection of Christ the most astonishing event in history?
- Others were raised from the dead: OT – widow's son – NT -Lazarus
  1. Jesus Christ was raised from the dead by His own power (Rom 1:4)
  2. Jesus Christ did not return to the realm of the dead as the others did.

### **I. The Fact of the Resurrection**

- a. The prophetic testimony of Jesus (Ps 110:1; Acts 2:32-36)
- b. Jesus' own testimony about His ascension (John 6:62; Mk 14:62)
- c. Biblical testimony (Mark 16:19; 1 Pet 3:22; Rom 8:34; Luke 24: 50,51)

### **II. The Place to Which Jesus Christ Ascended**

- Acts 1:9; Mark 16: 19 1 Peter 3: 22
  1. Heaven – a real place (John 6:38, 62; Acts 3:21)
  2. Right hand of God: honor dignity & power (Heb 12:1; Eph 1:20-22)

Practical Application to us who Believe of Where Christ is Right Now

- These truths have great implications for our Christian lives practically
  1. *The truth of Christ's ascension should give us comfort in this world*
- **Luke 24: 52** They worshiped Him, & returned to Jerusalem with great joy
- No temptation: is outside of the rule & reign of Christ (1 Cor 10:13)
  2. *The reality of the ascended Christ is a motivation for faithful service*
- **Luke 24: 53** they were continually in the temple praising & blessing God
  3. Ascended & exalted Christ assures us His enemies will be made His footstool