

## Sanctuary Window VII

First window on right nearest altar

### Upper Medallion: The Ascension of Christ

Acts 1:9

### Lower Medallion: Beginning of Christian Education



## Acts 1:9 (NIV )

After Jesus said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Read Acts 1:1-11 and Luke 24:50-53

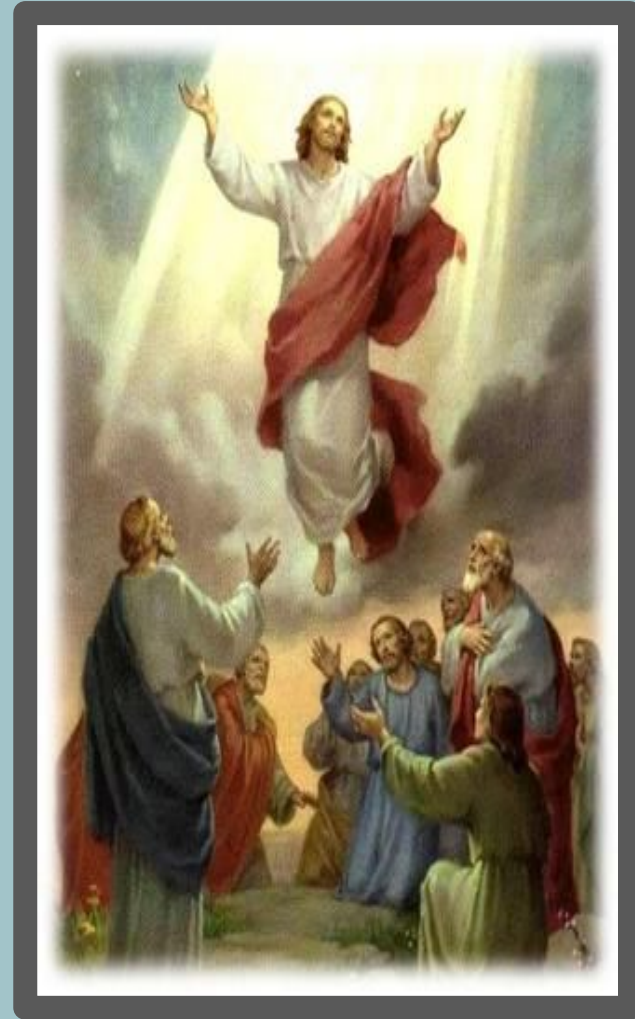


Luke is writing to Theophilus so that he will share the Gospel accounts with the Gentiles.

In all of the Gospels we find the stories of how Jesus came to show God's love, and to teach.

His apostles were to carry on and continue what Jesus began, and to do and teach the same things.

The timing of this evangelical story is fixed *to the day in which Jesus was taken up*. He taught them until the very end. He told them that he was sending them His Holy Spirit. Then he left this world, and His bodily presence was no more in it.





The truth of Christ's Resurrection is maintained.

He was seen by different apostles across 40 days, appearing to them in many ways.

Jesus walked with them and ate and drank with them.

He showed them His crucifixion wounds.



As Jesus appeared to the apostles, *He breathed on them and opened their understandings*, so they were better able to receive His expectations.

John 20:19-22





Jesus instructs them on  
the Kingdom of God....

A Kingdom of Grace in  
this world,  
and a Kingdom of  
Glory in the next.

“Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”



# Why is Christ's Ascension essential?





# *Daniel 7:13-14*

## Christ's Ascension and Royal Ministry

*"I kept watching the night visions,  
when I saw, coming with the clouds of heaven,  
someone like a son of man.  
He approached the Ancient One  
and was led into his presence.*

*To him was given rulership,  
glory and a kingdom,  
so that all peoples, nations and languages  
should serve him.*

*His rulership is an eternal rulership  
that will not pass away;  
and his kingdom is one  
that will never be destroyed."*



# Jesus' Ascension and Priestly Work

"God presented Christ  
as a sacrifice of atonement,  
through the  
shedding of His Blood,  
to be received by faith."

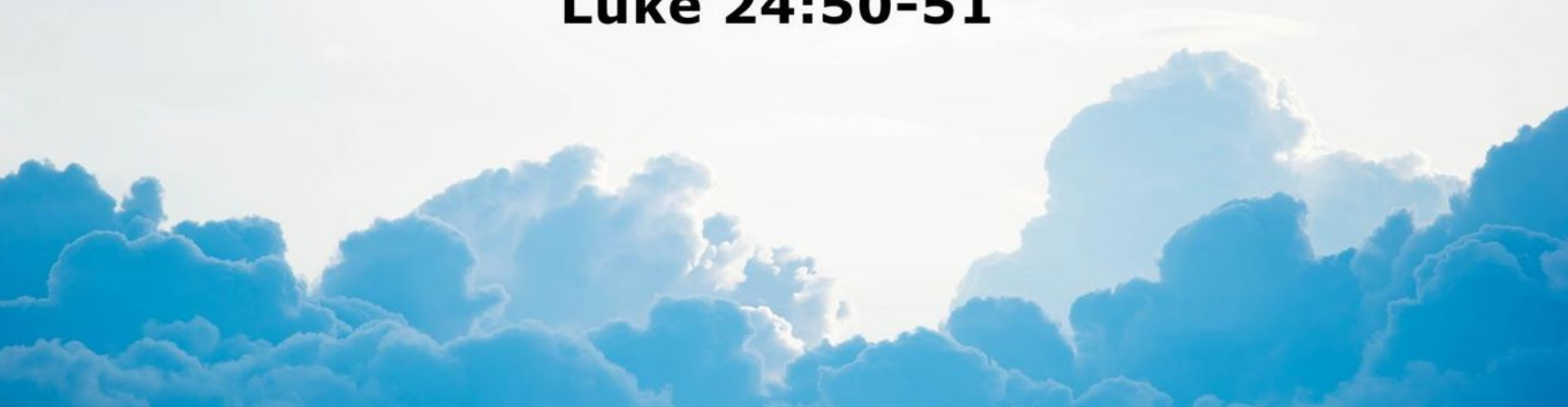
Romans 3:25

# Jesus' Ascension and Priestly Work

And he led them out as far as to Bethany,  
and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

And it came to pass, while he blessed them,  
he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

**Luke 24:50-51**



# Jesus' Ascension and Priestly Work

**FOR CHRIST HAS ENTERED  
NOT INTO HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS,  
WHICH ARE COPIES OF  
THE TRUE THINGS**

**BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF,  
NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE**

**OF GOD**  
**ON OUR BEHALF.**

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# Jesus' Ascension and Priestly Work

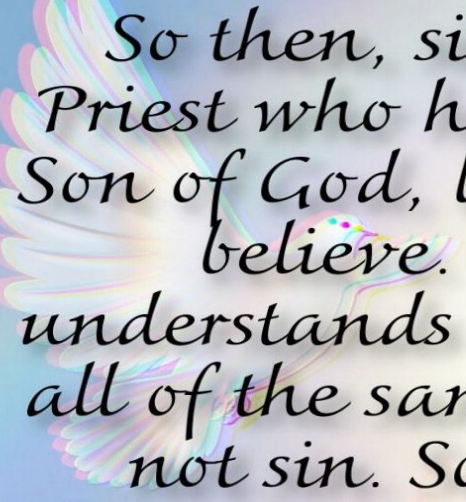
THEREFORE HE IS ABLE, ONCE AND FOREVER,  
TO SAVE THOSE WHO COME TO GOD  
THROUGH  
HIM.

**HE LIVES FOREVER**

TO  
INTERCEDE  
WITH GOD ON THEIR BEHALF.

HEBREWS 7:25 NLT

# Jesus' Ascension and Priestly Work



*So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.*

*Hebrews 4:14-16*

# Jesus' Ascension and Return

## **John 14:2-3 (ESV)**

- <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?
- <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

# Jesus' Ascension and Return

He who testifies to these things  
says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen.

*Come, Lord Jesus!*

Revelation 22:20