

“Farewell For Now”
Acts 1:9-11

I. Jesus left His disciples and ascended to heaven (v. 10).

- A. Jesus is currently at the right hand of God.
- B. Jesus’ ascension to heaven proves that He is the Son of God.

(Matthew 24:30; Mark 14:61-62; Luke 24:4; Acts 7:54-56; Hebrews 12:1-3)

II. Jesus will return to earth one day (vs. 10-11).

- A. God provided confirmation that Jesus would return to earth.
- B. Jesus will return as King! (He will return in the same manner but with a different purpose).

(Deuteronomy 19:15; Zechariah 14:1, 4, 9; Matthew 24:30; Luke 24:4)

III. Jesus, while He is gone, has given His disciples ministries in which to serve Him (v. 11).

- A. Those who serve faithfully will obtain rewards.
- B. Those who are not faithful lose their opportunity.

(Matthew 25:14-19)

Scripture References and Notes

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹ Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Acts 7:54-56

⁵⁴ When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. ⁵⁵ But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, ⁵⁶ and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

Matthew 24:30

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

Mark 14:61-62

⁶¹ But He kept silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him, saying to Him, “Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed?” ⁶² Jesus said, “I am. And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven.”

Luke 24:4

And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments.

Deuteronomy 19:15

“One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.

Zechariah 14:1, 4, 9

¹ Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, And your spoil will be divided in your midst.

⁴ And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, *Making* a very large valley; Half of the mountain shall move toward the north And half of it toward the south.

⁹ And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be— “The LORD *is* one,” And His name one.

“This is where Jesus ascended. He rose up through the clouds and then passed from our earthly dimension to the heavenly realm. Two angels announced that Jesus—the Savior of the world and its future King—will return in this same manner. He will not again be born as a baby. He will not appear in another form or take another identity. He will not be reincarnated or channel His personality through another individual. He will not return in spirit form—He’s already here in the person of the Holy Spirit! He will descend through the clouds in His own human body. Physically. Literally. Dramatically. Unmistakably.”

– Church Swindoll, Swindoll's Living Insights New Testament Commentary - Acts.

Matthew 25:14-19

¹⁴ “For *the kingdom of heaven is* like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money. ¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them.

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