

WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE ASCENSION?!

ACTS 1: 1-11



1 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach 2 until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.



4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



- 6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"
- 7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority..."



JOHN 14

1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You trust in God; trust also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."



OUR MANDATE: 1

ACTS 1:8b

"...and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



THE SOURCE

MATT 28

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said,

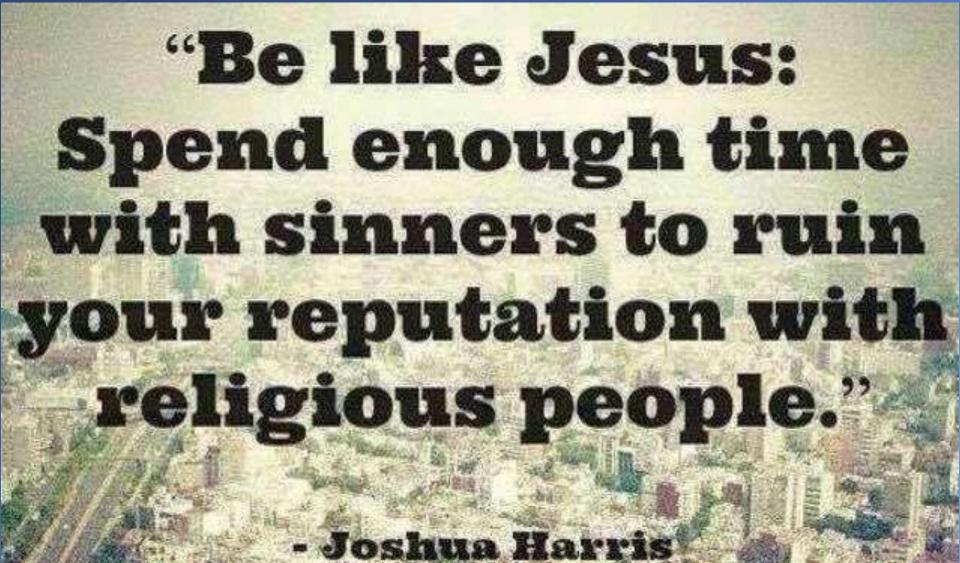
"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me...



OUR MANDATE:2

MATT 28

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.





GOD'S PROMISES

ACTS 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you..."

MATT 28:20b

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



JOHN 14

Truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.



JOHN 16

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.



- 9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
- They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you
- "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."