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"Just One Word"

ASCENSION

In the fifth century, St. Augustine wrote, "For unless the Savior had ascended into heaven, his Nativity would have come to nothing... his Passion would have borne no fruit for us, and his most holy Resurrection would have been useless {to anyone but himself.}"

So where are the cantatas, plays, and hymns if the ascension is so important to the church? The church calendar addresses the weeks of Advent and Lent and the Resurrection Sunday with special readings and events. We decorate church for these holidays. Have we minimized the significance of this event?

For 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus proved he was physically alive, by eating, drinking and teaching the disciples. During this time he explained how He fulfilled the messianic references in the Old Testament, fulfilled the Law requiring sacrifice and the forgiveness of sin. He explained why it was necessary for him to suffer and die.

Jesus and the disciples visited the Mount of Olives, many times during his ministry. The Mount is outside Jerusalem, and the city of Bethany, home to Lazarus and his sisters, is on the slopes of the Mount of Olives. This time, as they stood on the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave the great commission, to go into the world and preach to all the nation. The disciples asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?". Every Jew knew the Messiah would restore the kingdom of David. But Jesus, replied something greater than an earthly kingdom would be provided. Even to the very last moment in his presence, they believed Jesus would bring in the earthly kingdom of the Davidic line.

And then in the presence of his disciples, **Christ ascended into Heaven**. Two angels stood at their side, and told them "don't stand gazing into

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I am the
Resurrection
of the dead.
And the
Life
of the living.
He that
believeth I
n me, though he
die, yet shall he
live - in
life everlasting.

John 11: 25

Excerpt from John Wesley Commentary

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LIBRARY

Author, Max Lucado has books on every major national bestseller list. The book topics repeat Max's message: God loves you; let him. Our library has several books by this author, covering several venues.

Check out a book from this thought provoking writer!

the heavens, this same Jesus, will return". Colossians 3 says He ascended into heaven and took His place at God's right hand. When Christ arrived, in Heaven, God gave Him the name above every name, the name Lord, and called on all to bow. He received the praise because He had obeyed. The ascension guarantees "He was taken from you, but He will come in like manner as you have seen him go." Acts 1:11.

The resurrection provides victory over death. Jesus, sits at the right hand of God, making intercession for us.

When the disciples left the Mount of Olives, they were no longer afraid. This mount had been the site of David's defeat and Jesus betrayal. But it will be the place where Jesus returns in triumph over all His enemies.

"It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when Christ appears we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).



April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>Gerry Yandle</i>	2
3 Fellowship Luncheon	4	5	6	7	8 Yard Sale & Scratch Ankle Fest.	9 Yard Sale
10 Communion	11	12	13 Open Hearts 6:30	14	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Mary Bohannon</i>	20 Open Hearts 6:30	21	22 <i>Becky Nugent</i>	23 Knotty Prayers 10:00
24 Congregational Meeting	25	26 <i>Ron Belote</i>	27 Open Hearts 6:30	28 <i>Kat Lea</i>	29	30

Mission Spotlight

Matthew 25:40

"And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

A young boy's mother packed his lunch for the day. He was adventurous and she knew he would become so involved in his play, he would forget to return to the house for lunch. When he returned that evening, he had the most amazing story. He had not loitered around the market, like she had guessed, but followed a large crowd of over 5000 as they listened to the "new teacher" in town. Toward evening the people were hungry, and one of the teacher's disciples discovered he had a packed lunch of two loaves and five fish. The boy gave his lunch to the disciple. Jesus took the bread and fish, blessed it, broke it and fed the crowd of 5000.

I am sure when the young boy left his house that morning, he did not realize others relied on receiving a blessing from what he was bringing. What if he felt his presence was not significant and had not gathered with the crowd?

When we attend a service or church event, it may be YOU who brings the important "ingredient" for others to be blessed. Our small contributions, are huge when blessed by the hands of "The Teacher".

Food Pantry - Open Hearts - Knotty Prayers- Bible Study - Church Fellowship. We are blessed, as we bless others.



Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals

Second Sunday of Easter

April 3

Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 118:14-29 or

Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Third Sunday of Easter

April 10

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14

John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17

Acts 9:36-43

Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24

Acts 11:1-18

Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:31-35

*Daily Lectionary can be found
www.presbyterianmission.org*

Schedule of Events

- Yard Sale-April 8 & 9
- Scratch Ankle Festival April 8
- Knotty Prayers April 23 at 10:00
- Congregational Meeting April 24
- Small Group Study & Sunday School Class 9:30
- Choir Practice - Sunday morning 8:45-9:20

Did you know the daily lectionary is a two year cycle, that allows users to read through the Old Testament once and the New Testament twice?

Pentecost Word Search



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SOUND	OTHER	HOLY	SPIRIT	HEAR
FILLED	WIND	FIRE	TONGUES	AMAZED