

Discussion Questions for “The Unstoppable Gospel: Ascension”

Acts 1:1-11, Pastor Tom Olson, Weekend of April 11th & 12th, 2026

Sermon Outline

Jesus Christ has ascended into heaven (vv. 2, 9).

Why the ascension matters:

1. It verifies the resurrection (v. 3).
2. It foreshadows Christ’s return (vv. 10-11).
3. It affirms that Jesus is King (v. 9).
4. It positions Him as our Priest (vv. 5, 8).
5. It inaugurates the Spirit’s ministry in all Christ’s followers (vv. 5, 8).
6. It assures us that Jesus is for us (vv. 1-11).
7. It clarifies our calling (vv. 6, 8).

Sermon Questions

1. What excites you about studying the *sequel* to the four gospels – the book of *Acts*?
2. Luke’s goal in writing both *Luke* and *Acts* is that’d we’d have certainty about Jesus (Luke 1:1-4). How do you see the same goal at work in this passage – Acts 1:1-11?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. What connections do you see between with Acts 1:1-11?
4. Why is it *good* that Jesus is both our Priest and our King?
 - a. Try to answer this question *doctrinally* – that is, how is this related to other biblical truths?
 - b. Then answer it *personally* – why is it significant to you that He’s both?
5. In verses 5 and 8, Jesus promises to fill us with God the Holy Spirit.
 - a. How does this shape your understanding of *what God thinks of you*?
 - b. Similarly, what does this say about *your ability to serve Jesus*?
6. Our *Three Ones* initiative is encouraging each one of us to *pray* for one person in our life who needs Christ, strike up a *conversation* with them, and share our *story* of faith in Jesus. What help and insight does Acts 1:1-11 offer someone trying to do that?
7. These days, would you say your eyes are more focused *upward* on King Jesus and His eternal kingdom or more focused *downward* on earthly kings and kingdoms?
 - a. What do you think your friends and family would say? What do they think most captures your attention?
 - b. What do your social media and text threads say? Based on what you post and share, what do people think most captures your attention?
8. Any other takeaways from this passage or message?