

## **BIBLE STUDY 32**

**DATE: AUG 11, 2020**

**SUB-THEME: THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST (4)**

**TOPIC: HIS ASCENSION**

**TEXT: JOHN 3:13; ACTS 1:1-11.**

### **AIMS**

- i. To teach about the ascension of Jesus Christ,
- ii. To confirm Jesus Christ as the only one who died, resurrected and ascended into heaven and
- iii. To explain more on the purpose of His ascension.

### **INTRODUCTION**

At the beginning of his treatise, Saint Luke addressed Theophilus as 'most excellent'. Luke 1:3. Theophilus might have been a Roman official who had already embraced the Christian faith or was even simply a Christian middle-class Roman citizen who gave Luke the opportunity to write a complete account of Jesus and the early Church. However, Luke's account was to prove to the Roman government through this eminent Roman politician that the works of Jesus Christ and those of His disciples were never a subterfuge to the Roman Government. The record by Saint Luke proves beyond any doubt the authenticity of Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven. Moreover, other Biblical passages have similarly narrated the purpose of Christ's ascension into heaven.

### **STUDY GUIDE**

1. From biblical and life's experience mention someone apart from Jesus Christ, who was dead, buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven. John 3:13

-John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

2. Who is the only person who can ascend into the heavens? Prov. 30:4; John 3:13; John 6:33, John 6:38, John 6:62.

-Proverbs 30:4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, or descended? who hath gathered the wind in his fists? who hath bound the waters in a garment? who hath established all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou canst tell?

-John 6:33, 38, 62 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

38-For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

62-What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

3. Why did Jesus Christ ascend to heaven? Rom 8:34; Eph 4:8; Col 2:15; Heb 9:24-25.

-Romans 8:34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

-Ephesians 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

-Colossians 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

-Hebrews 9:24-25 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

25-Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;

4. From today's study, how important is Christ's ascension to you? John 14:2-3; John 14:26-27; John 16:7; Rom 8:24; 1Jn 2:1

-John 14:2-3, 26-27 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3-And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

26-But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

27-Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

-John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

-Romans 8:24 For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

-1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

## **CONCLUSION**

Only the one who descended from heaven can ascend into heaven. The ascension of Jesus Christ forever remains one of the mysterious supernatural event that signifies Him as the Lord of lords and King of kings.

## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

Only He who descended to defeat death is able to ascend to reign forever.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

John 3:13 "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven".