



SERMON NOTES

July 15, 2012

Scripture: Luke 24:50-53 (NAS)

Topic: "Rejoicing Over Christ's Ascension"

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- 50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.
- 51 While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
- 52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
- 53 and were continually in the temple praising God.

I. THERE WAS REJOICING

- A. In Christ's Coming *Luke 2:10-11*
- B. In Christ's Departure *Luke 24:52*

II. THE REASON FOR THE REJOICING AND WORSHIP

- A. Christ Had Completed His Work *John 16:28; 17:3*
1. What was the mission? *Luke 19:10; Romans 5:12*
 2. We rejoice and worship Him because of the completed work
- B. Christ's Returned To His Glorified State *John 17:5*
1. The disciples had been given a glimpse of it
 2. We will one day experience it *Romans 8:29; I Corinthians 15:51-54*
- C. Christ's Present Ministry On Our Behalf *Romans 8:54; Hebrews 7:25; John 2:1,2*
- D. Christ Went To Prepare A Place *John 14:1-3; Revelations 21*
- E. Christ Gave The Promise Of Sending The Holy Spirit *John 16:7; 14:16*

1. To be present in each believer
2. To give gifts to men *Ephesians 4:8, 11-13*

III. THE WORK HE ASSIGNED TO US

- A. To Call Men To Repentance *vs. 47*
- B. The Assignment Was Given With His Blessing *vss. 50, 57*
1. The quintessential part *John 15:5*
 2. He makes our labors productive *Psalms 127:1; Philippians 4:13*