

## **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD.**

The Ascension of our Lord is as much about us as about Our Lord. It shows us that we are meant to share the glory of Our Lord after this short life here on earth. To get the background of the whole setup we can go to the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. After the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, He spent forty day constantly appearing to different personalities, women, disciples, and Apostles in different moments and circumstances. He was very much aware of what was happening to them after the great scandal of His death. He wanted to assure them of His presence and encourage and strengthen them. ***“Behold I will be with you till the end of time.”***

There are three basic truths of the Ascension:

1. The fact of triumph and victory over death and sin in resurrection and ascension. That Jesus Christ after his short earthly life and successful mission, He went ahead of us to prepare a place for us. ***“I Am going to prepare a place for you and if I go, I will come for you so that wherever I am you also may be.”(Jn.14:3-4). It gives us a sense of completion.***
2. The second fact is that this world is not our home. We are in transit. Ascension shows us that heaven is our final destination.
3. The third truth teaches us the reason for his departure as he left His disciples in a dramatic manner to show them and us that the time for physical public appearance was over until He returns in ***GLORY.***

From now on, he will be with us in the sacraments and especially during mass in the ***Eucharist and other sacraments.*** He will be with us in that ***upper Room of the altar.*** His presence this time will be by ***BELIEVING, NOT BY SEEING.*** He will be present in so many places and times wherever there will be EUCHARIST AND OTHER CELEBRATIONS OF THE SACRAMENTS.

He leaves us with this mission, ***“as the Father has send Me so I am sending you. Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation.”***

He is sending you and me to:

- To proclaim to all human beings.
- To be kind and take care of the animals.
- To be kind and friendly to the environment.

We are called to take this message to the remotest parts of the world. This is the final farewell as He ascended to heaven in their sight. We are ***not supposed to stand there gazing upwards. Action is needed.***

Christ wants to use you and me now. He is telling you and me:

- I have no body on earth except yours and mine***
- No hands except yours to feed the hungry.***
- No feet except yours to seek out the lost.***
- No ears but yours to listen to the lonely and the marginalized.***
- No tongue but yours to comfort the sad.***
- No heart but yours to love the unloved.***

May He be with us as we manifest this mission, and especially, when we are afraid and fearful like his disciples in difficult moments.

Give us the courage and determination to ***witness to Him in this challenging world and environment, so that the Gospel may be preached, and people may find their way to Him.***

