

FR.TK.REFLECTIONS ASCENCION 2025:

SHARING HIS GLORIFICATION:

The apostles to date had not understood the messianic mission of the Lord. They were still looking for an earthly kingdom. ****is it now that you will restore the kingdom of Israel(Act. 1:6)*** This shows the fact that they had not understood his mission despite, being with him, ***eating, drinking, seeing miracles he was doing, curing the sick and even raising the dead.*** Idea of the heaven kingdom was still far from them.

Despite their **unbelief** and difficult in understanding, Jesus had trust and confidence in them and it is in such characters like these he establish his church. This is the reason why they needed the Holy Spirit before taking over the mission ****Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the fulfillment of the fathers promise about which I have spoken to you(Act 1:4)*** You will receive the power when the Holy Spirit come upon you and you will be my **witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and even to the end of the of the earth(Acts 1:8)** This was the project he had for them and for his disciples to this generation. We must continue the work of evangelization till we reach all the creatures. We **must not keep on looking upword, we must act now.** we must use **the time, talents and treasure he has provided as tools.** He is no longer with us in person, we are his instruments. He is still assuring us that ****Behold I am with you till the end of time(mt 28:20).***

Ascension doesn't mean **absence of Jesus Christ but rather Christ taking a new role in us in a glorified manner.** *It is not about lesus celectrial journey through the stars(Pope Benedict V1) it is rather his*

glorification yet being with us in his gloried state.Our main concern today is to think about the role we need to play here on earth to further the gospel.**He will need our hands on earth to raise up the fallen,our feet to seek the the lost,Our eyes and ears to see the silent tears of the suffering and listen to the lonly and the desperate.our tongue to give words of encouragement and comfort to those who have given up in life.Our hearts to love those have no one to love and our shoulder to support the weak and weary in life.**This is our mission stipulated as his disciples.How are you doing it yourself?

The facts of ascension are the triumph and victory of Christ over sin and death through resurrection and ascension.He went ahead of us to prepare a place for us so that where he will be we might follow him after our short life here on earth(Jn.14:1-4)Ascension gives us that **sense of completion of our earthly life.It tell us that this world is not our home we are still,passing through.**our final destination is heaven.

The time of earthly public life of Jesus is over,he is raised far above every **principality,authority,power and dominion,his grace,truth and salvation are for all.**They are not possessions belonging to any country,culture or political,party it is **SALVATION FOR ALL:**