

Best seat in the house

The Ascension of Jesus

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 - Commissions Disciples/disciples

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"Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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- Go
- Make disciples
- Baptize them
 - Father, Son, Holy Spirit
- Teach them to obey commands from Jesus
 - To choose Jesus over self

John 21: 50 -53

"Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting His hands to heaven, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up to heaven. So they worshiped Him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God..."

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- Now, He becomes the Great Intercessor
 - And because of that, what they must do is clear
 - They return to the scene of The Crime
 - They go back to those who will harm them
 - They return praising and worshipping God

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- And Jesus will be in heaven, asking God to bless the efforts and equip those who are willing

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“What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? Since He did not spare even His own Son but gave Him up for us all, won’t He also give us everything else? Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for His own? No one—for God Himself has given us right standing with Himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God’s right hand, pleading for us.” *Romans 8: 31-34*

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 - It's the job we are given
 - Do we choose to do it?
 - Do we choose to praise God for it?
 - Do we choose to let God equip us?

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- When disciples choose trust Jesus, the miraculous happens
 - The God of Angel Armies is always by my side

Romans 8: 35-39

"Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean He no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep." No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us. And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."