

INTRODUCTION

1. Paintings of "Ascension of Jesus" - visualize - [A 1:9-11](#)
 - i. Emph on sight: [v9-11]
 - ii. 2 Angels [Lk 24:4]. W/o words how can we know what we're seeing?
2. What did disciples understand as they watched?
3. Recall 40 days of instruction - gospel in O. Ps 110; Dan 7:13
 - i. Last study - surveyed Glory Cloud - signal YHWH's presence
 - ii. Dan 7:1-14 men's beastly gov'ts - Son of Man - [Dan 7:13-14](#).

1st: Jesus' References to Daniel 7:13

1. [Lk 21:27](#) - destruction of Jerusalem [AD 70] & Jesus' 2nd coming
 - i. Dan 7:13 concerns Jesus' return from enthroned glory.
 - ii. [Mat 24](#) - Difficult days - cosmic upheavals - [v29](#)
 - a. [v30](#) sign signaling return of Son of Man - [Dan 7:13]
 - b. [v31](#) [see fnt] conflates several OT vss
 - iii. As apostles *gaze into sky*, they recently heard Jesus refer to Dan 7:13
2. Jesus' interaction w/ Sanhedrin - referenced Dan 7:13
 - i. [Mt 26:63-66](#) [Mk 14:62] Jesus = *Son of Man*: enthroned -> blasphemy
 - ii. Jn 10:31-33 close to stoning - *Son of God*
 - iii. Jesus as *Son of Man* [Dan 7:13] not prominent in popular mind

2nd: The Transfiguration and the Glory Cloud

1. [Lk 9:26-36](#) see themes of judgment & *glory*
 - i. visual - "glorified" [v31, v32] w/ Moses [exodus] & Elijah [ascension]
 - ii. Audio - Moses & Elijah & Father [v35] as at Bapt [Ps & Isa 42] - *listen to Him* [2 Ptr 1:16ff] - *they saw His glory*
2. What did they see? Jesus; Moses & Elijah & *cloud* [3x in v34-5].
 - i. *Overshadowed* = same vrb re: HS's in Mary's virginal conception
 - ii. *Overshadowed* - word for 'tent': God's dwelling Jn 1:14 = Lk 9:32

3rd: The Ascension into The Glory Cloud

1. [Acts 1:9-11](#) Transfig - Dan 7:13. Review

4th: The Second Coming in the Glory Cloud

1. [A 1:11b](#) Jesus will return in cloud of glory.
2. When Jesus comes, we'll exp our own little ascension.
 - i. [1Th 4:13-18](#)
 - ii. [Rv 11:11-12](#) 2 witnesses - apocalyptic version of 1Th 4:13-18.
3. [Rev 1:7](#) [w/ Zech 12:10] judgment & salvation
4. [Rv 14:14-19](#) harvest orchestrated by Son of Man

Applic #1: Know That Jesus is Exalted

1. Where is Jesus? What is He doing - NOW?
2. Know that Jesus is exalted. Rainbow - Clouds

Applic #2: Live with Your Head in the Clouds

1. [Col 3:1-4](#) - Eph 2:5-6
2. "Don't be so heavenly minded so as to be of no earthly good."
3. Become more heavenly minded & you'll do a lot of earthly good - good works, benevolence, deeds of mercy - Gal 6:10
4. [Col 3:5](#) bodily sanctity [2C 7:1]. AMEN