

**He's Gone, Now What?**  
**Acts 1:9-11**  
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What had Jesus taught the disciples in those 40 days?

**How Did Jesus Ascend?**

In a cloud - why is that mentioned?

(Daniel 7:13-14; Mark 14:62; 9:7; Exodus 40:34; 1 Kings 8:10-11)

**Before their Eyes**

To convey the finality of his departure.

To answer the inevitable questions:

**Why Did Jesus Ascend?**

Ephesians 4:10, "He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things."

- 1) To enter into his glory**
- 2) To sit at the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 1:19-23)**
- 3) To rule over all things in heaven and earth (Eph. 4:8)**
- 4) To Send his Spirit to the Church (John 16:7)**
- 5) To intercede for the church (Hebrews 9:24)**
- 6) To Advocate for us (1 John 2:1)**
- 7) To prepare a place for us (John 14:2)**

## **Why did the Disciples stare?**

Waiting for his to return (As he had for 40 days.)

Concentrated Eschatology in one sentence.

How do reformed Christian's aimlessly speculate?

*Let's go a fishing.*

## **What did the Angel's say?**

Stop staring aimlessly into the sky. You have work to do.

He will come again. A future promise is also present motivation.

We have power for missions (John 14:12)

## **We have the Lord's promised return**

When the work is done. (1 Corinthians 15:24-26; Revelation 22:12)

What do we build today?