
Jesus Ascends into Heaven

Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:50-53

“Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom of Israel?”

- 1. The disciples had plans for Jesus to now set up the kingdom of God (Acts 1:6). Do we sometimes have expectations for how God will work that don't seem to be God's plan for us?**
- 2. Are we willing to lay down our own plans for greatness (God's or ours) and submit to God's plans for our lives?**

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.” Isaiah 55:8

- 3. If Jesus set up the kingdom at this time, two thousand years of suffering, wars and death would have been avoided. This seems like a good thing, but also two thousand years of sinners would have never come to Jesus. We would not be here and have the lives that God has given us. How does this help us to understand God's sovereign plan in a wicked world?**
- 4. Does this help us to understand a little bit about why do bad things happen to good people?**

Romans 11:34 - “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?”