

# Taken **ENCOUNTERING JESUS**

The \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 24:51-52 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. 52 Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

Acts 1:3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

40 day purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ and  
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Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus came \_\_\_\_\_ the Father and is now returning \_\_\_\_\_ the Father, and having finished his work is received \_\_\_\_\_ the Father.

Ascension is not merely a change in altitude but rather a change in \_\_\_\_\_ status and relationship.

Ephesians 1:19-23 That power is the same as the mighty strength 20 he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## 2. The \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 24:50 When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.

A blessing was a \_\_\_\_\_ statement of what God would do in and through that person's life.

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His blessing is Jesus's \_\_\_\_\_ work.

\_\_\_\_\_ Work - The work on the cross.

\_\_\_\_\_ Work - The unfinished work of Jesus is to bless his people.

## 3. The \_\_\_\_\_

Acts 1:4 Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

The ascension does not mean the loss of intimacy with Jesus, a decrease in his leadership or advocacy; it means the \_\_\_\_\_ and infinite availability of all of these things.

Acts 1:11 This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

The ascension is a \_\_\_\_\_ for the rapture of the church.

1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.

I can relax and be at peace and have \_\_\_\_\_ joy!