

When the hero goes away

Acts 1:1-11

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1. Introduction

... what do we do now they are gone? ...

2. When He's still around ...

(a) He teaches (3-6) ...

(b) You spread the word! (8) ...

3. When He's gone ...

(a) He goes (9) ...

(b) What's next (11) ...

4. What the Ascension says to us today ...

5. Conclusion ...

... Making Jesus last words our first priority ...



Jesus after the resurrection

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*"And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. **For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.** ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

Hebrews 12:2-3

Sometimes we can think that the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the end point, the culmination, the full stop, on Jesus ministry and work. I mean defeating death and forgiving sin—is there anything left to do? But there is. Jesus work and ministry after the resurrection is just as significant as before. Perhaps more so: His Ascension, present ministry and second coming should have a profound impact on how we see and follow Jesus today as much as his death and resurrection. Join with us for these three weeks at CrossLife online as we look at these important, but too often forgotten, fact of Jesus life and ministry.

Questions on "When the hero goes way" (Ascension)

- 1. Discuss your experience of when a significant person left a community of which you were a part. How did you feel?*
- 2. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God ... "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" (vv3,6) When do you find yourself wanting to know when God's kingdom will turn up?*
- 3. "It's none of your business" How would the disciples feel with Jesus answer about not knowing the time of the kingdom coming? How do you feel when you hear this? What helps you let go of wanting to know?*
- 4. "Making Jesus last words our first priority". What will you do this week to make Jesus last words your first priority?*