

The Ascension is After The Resurrection.

Let us go up from here.

It was Mary who was first to the tomb where Jesus lay after His crucifixion and burial. The stone now rolled away, the tomb is empty and Christ has Risen from the dead. This is The Resurrection. However this is **not** what Jesus wanted Mary or us to focus on, as evident with these words.

¹⁷ Jesus said to Mary, "Do not cling to Me, for **I have not yet ascended** to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, '**I am ascending** to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.'"

Jesus Christ wanted to adjust their focus and ours on the **Ascension** with those words.

In other words do not cling to the crucifixion, death or resurrection of our Lord so much but the Ascension that follows, be fixed on that as your Heavenly gaze.

Even as scripture says in Hebrews;

6 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,² Of the doctrine of **baptisms**, and of laying on of hands, and of **resurrection** of the dead,

However important the death and resurrection of our Christ is, that is foundational and just our starting point in our transformation and transfiguration. He did that for us, packaged it and presented it to us as a gift of a debt free life in the spirit, now being credited to our account, being "paid in full)", having defeated Satan Sin and Death, we are now instructed to follow Him, that where He is we may be also. Let us go up from here. This is **The Ascension**.

When Jesus said "follow Me that where I am, you may be also" not only is He resurrected from the dead, He ascended to the Father and calls us to Himself. Who also said "where I go and the way you know". Who also said "I am the way the truth and the light", and "no one comes to the Father except through Me". And so we do.

As a side note; the word "church" comes from the Greek word "Ekklesia" and is correctly translated "those who are the called", which is us who hear the voice saying "come up hither".

Jesus then told Mary "go to My brethren and say to them, '**I am ascending** to My Father and your Father". So we should not be confused at what direction we must go. Again as our Lord would say while He was a man, "let us go up from here"? So let us arise but not from the dead. The Christ of

the cross gave us the resurrection. The Ascension is our focus, our new task and work, but not of human endeavor. We now use the Word of God at the behest of The Holy Spirit mingled with our faith to accomplish our tasks. Yes "if you have faith of a mustard seed you shall say to this mountain, be moved into the sea, and it shall be done for you". We move mountains in the spirit, our new domain.

Even Paul said that he reached out, if he may attain to the resurrection, as being the limited focus of the Fathers. But our calling is much higher. Why? Because Paul's mission as he explained to Festus while he was on trial was that "it was our fathers objective to acquire the resurrection, think it strange we would too?". The resurrection is our starting point thanks to the work of the cross and by the New Covenant explanations, this should be clear.

Paul's purpose was to bring us into The Kingdom. But because he was counted as one of the 12, born in his own time, the one who replaced Judas, that the 12 are counted as part of the foundation. Paul was the last apostle, born in "due time" which from the Greek can be translated "own time" in his case he was out of time and on time. He knew he was the 12th apostle being a foundation stone, Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone that we are built upon as "living stones built up a habitation of God in the Spirit" if we can arrive here with God's permission. These are the truths we are to ascend to, that we too can build upon the foundation laid "in Christ" our new identity.

This is what makes us Christians, the Eklesia and the called, and "People of the way". We are on a journey but not a horizontal one, but a verticle one.

It is us who build upon these works whose works are greater than his. Even Jesus while He was a man said "greater works shall you do than Me because I go to the Father". Because we followed Paul who pleaded with us to be reconciled to the Father, and we are, and we heard Jesus say "follow me that where I am you may be also" and we did. We are invited to build upon their works as seen also with these words from Paul from 1 Corinthians 3.

"for we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, **you are God's building. (Not some building on earth).**" ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the (invisible, proverbial) foundation, and another builds on it (in an invisible and real way). But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with (invisible proverbial)* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, ¹³ each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. (Invisibly proverbially)

The greater works that we do are not more important, but they are higher in stature. Whoever builds upon these works shall receive a reward. With the foundation being so secure . Let us go up from here with some Old Testament pictures.

The Old Covenant and The Picture of The Ascension with tangible carnal objects to be associated in The Spirit.

Paul said "When I was a Child, I thought like a child and played like a child and spoke like a child. When I became a man (mature in the faith) I put away childhood things." And the Israelites were called children some 1200 times throughout their wanderings in the desert, showing for us they were not able to put away the teaching mechanisms to advance.

The writer of Hebrews says "Today, if you will hear His voice,
⁸ Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion,
In the day of trial in the wilderness,
⁹ Where your fathers tested Me, tried Me,
And saw My works forty years.
¹⁰ Therefore I was angry with that generation, (for not advancing)
And said, 'They always go astray in *their* heart,
And they have not known My ways."

This shows us that we are on a journey someplace and they deviated from the Heavenly Calling.

It was in Old testament times they would say let us go up to Jerusalem. However if you think about that, Jerusalem was not so much up. The Mount of Olives and Mount Zion as well as other places were higher than Jerusalem. Like many cities, Jerusalem was in a sprawled out flat. You could go down from Jerusalem which would take you ultimately to the Dead Sea which is the lowest elevation on Earth. From there you would have to go up.

The Dead Sea is also called the Sea of Galilee which Galilee means gentiles or the Sea of nations. showing for us that the Dead Sea is the sea of gentiles, because those who are without Christ are The walking Dead. It's a sea of people.

It was for this cause that Jesus Christ recruited the disciples first from the Sea of Galilee/nations. Because his message was sent to the Gentiles, and it was the first disciples that were fishermen, and Jesus Christ said follow me and I will make you a fisher of men. This too was a parable, for without a parable spake he not to the people and this parable had direct reference to the Christ coming to all the Gentiles. To all the people. This is also indirect reference to the promise made to Abraham that "I will make you the father of many nations/gentiles or Galileans, and "in your seed (meaning Christ) all the nation's/Gentiles of the earth shall be blessed". This has always been God's intended target, all nations.

A topographical map would show the progression from the lowest elevation on earth of the dead sea to Jerusalem as a non-written, functionable parable to walk out so that even if you can't read, you could understand "the call" and "the way" of the Gospel of salvation, was to proverbially go up .

This is why there were many people from every nation, tongue and dialect who would proverbially come up to Jerusalem for the feasts. The conclusion of all the feasts is Resurrection and the Ascension.

It is a shame the forefather's hope was stuck on the resurrection. The resurrection for us in New Testament nomenclature is the Baptism where we recon our old man dead so we can walk in newness of life. That we identify with the death of Christ, to be raised from the dead, as Romans and elsewhere teaches.

But you see that only gets us through the Red Sea into the wilderness. Jesus Christ beat that phase of faith for us with His 40 days in the wilderness like the Israelites should've done.

Fortunately for us He passed the test and didn't leave us in the wilderness. We advance to go on to the promise land that was a physical picture of us going to the place where Gods promises our, which is God's Word. In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God and the Word was God. Yes we walk on the word of God as our transportation mechanism. Yes, let us go up from here? Where? To Jerusalem

The time of Joshua, who pictured Christ as our commander and chief, was our training in spiritual warfare, which is done how? By the word of God. Yes, with shouts from the elders as they encircled Jericho, the walls fell down by what they said, not by what they did. Instead of relying on their Adamic nature, they used something invisible, their breath, or their spirit to form words and speak a thing into being and accomplishing a work like the Father who said "let there be light". Mission accomplished.

From there they went through assorted skirmishes untill they went into the land, and distributed it to the 12 tribes. But being in the land was still not the conclusion of the gospel or representative of the full Ascension. As Hebrews states; For if God had given them true rest, He would not have spoken of another day".

And then again after so long a time. After Moses failed and Joshua was limited, the Lord made another attempt in David's day. With the writer of Hebrews saying "

He designates a certain day, saying in David, "Today," after such a long time, as it has been said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice,
Do not harden your hearts."

⁸ For if ^[b]Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day". Showing us that David would continue the accent.

tFor even with Jacob. He laid his head to rest on a rock. When he woke up he said "this is none other than the house of God" then he took the stone and stood it upright and named it Bethel, which means house of God. This is the place he saw the angels of God descending and ascending. So when Jesus said let us go up from here, we see the rock as a ladder and a teleportation devise that takes us to the throne room of God.

This too was a picture of Christ who when Nathaniel said "you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God" Jesus said he was a man with no guile "from here on out you will see the angels of God descending and ascending on the son of man." Showing us that Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the Bethel prophecy.

is why a modern-day rendition of a Jerusalem is blasphemous, because it then even that Jerusalem was never really the destination. they would go to that Jerusalem as a means of higher understanding. That Jerusalem had lightness has only in shadows in contrasts. Even as it started with Moses who asked to see God's glory he could only turn his back and see the shadow showing for us that it never truly portrayed the glory. but we all with unveiled face behold as in a mirror the glory of the Lord are being trans figured in the same full image from the glory to the glory as by the spirit. This is the gospel different from theirs. and this is the reason that there is expired because it was just a detainment center till Faith comes. And when Jesus came to set the captives free, they were in captivity even as Paul explains from the book of Galatians that a slave differs not at all from an error. even as Paul said of his contemporaries, that he wish that he was accursed instead of them

Yes, Jesus Christ was part of the foundation too. He is The Chief Cornerstone. The foundational stone with all the demensions and angle projections