

REDISCOVER JESUS, PART 89: “THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD JESUS”

LUKE 24:50-53

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The Lord Jesus blesses us in order that we may bless him.

I. The Lord Jesus blessed his disciples (vv. 50-51)

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

We pray for blessings
We pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love is way too much to give us lesser things

[...]

'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if the thousand sleepless nights
Are what it takes to know You're near?

What if my greatest disappointments
Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy
And what if trials of this life
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in disguise?¹

II. His disciples blessed the Lord Jesus (vv. 52-53)

⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

Three implications:

1. We are not alone.
2. We are not without purpose.
3. We bless God best together.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.²

¹ "Blessings," track 5 on Laura Story, *Blessings*, INO Records, 2011.

² Charles Thomas Studd, quoted in Garrett Kell, "Only What Is Done For Christ Will Last – C.T. Studd," January 17, 2015, <http://garrettkell.com/only-what-is-done-for-christ-will-last-c-t-studd>.