

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Sermon: His Final Days | The Ascension

Main text: Mark 16:9-20

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION REFLECTIONS & QUESTIONS...

### Key Reflections/Quotes:

- ” Resurrection weekend changes everything.”
- “What seemed to be the end was actually beginning.”
- “The ascension is the detonator for everything Jesus did.”
- “Because Jesus lives and reigns, you get to live a different story.”
- “The mission of Jesus becomes the mission of the church.”
- “Easter moves believers from celebration to commission.”
- “The stone was rolled away, the tomb is empty, and you are invited into new life.”

### Decisions & Action Items:

- Reflect on whether you truly live as though Jesus is alive and reigning now.
- Read the resurrection and ascension accounts together: **Mark 16, Acts 1, and Luke 24.**
- Consider where God is calling you to be a witness in your everyday life.
- Share the hope of Jesus with someone who needs to hear it.
- If you have not yet given your life to Christ, respond personally in faith.

### Key Questions...

**1). Before hearing this message, how much had you thought about the ascension?**

(a). How does understanding Jesus as reigning and interceding now deepen your view of Easter?

**2). What part of the Easter story feels most meaningful to you right now: the cross, the empty tomb, or the Ascension?**

(b) Why does that part stand out in this season of your life?

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**5). Is there an area of your life where you need to trust that the risen and ascended Jesus is still at work, even if you cannot yet see the outcome?**

What would faith look like there this week?

