

This Week's Readings

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11.

Jesus returns to his Father, but he will come again.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23.

Paul prays that we may come to a fuller knowledge of God.

Gospel: Mark 16: 15-20.

On leaving this earth Jesus tells us to give his Good News to all.



Points for Reflection

- 1. Jesus' life was a journey back to his Father, taking the whole mankind with himself.**
 - The Ascension we celebrate today was not a space flight, but a sign that Christ had returned to his Father, had left the earth with its limits of time and space, and is now reigning with the Father without ceasing being the Emmanuel (the-God-with-us).
 - As his disciples we are part of his Body, which is now glorified in heaven and is sacramentally present in the Eucharist.
- 2. Therefore, our glorification has begun, too. Hence, hope, for us Christians, is not mere wishful thinking.**
 - Hope for us means living in the certainty of resurrection and new life in Christ.
 - Hope for us is not simple optimism either. We suffer here tension between our spirits already sharing in Christ's new life through baptism and our bodies still subject to death. But our earthly journey, however difficult it may be, will definitely take us back to the Father if we follow Christ by reliving internally his love for the Father and for us.
- 3. People, more or less consciously, are all searching for some sureness in their lives.**
 - Thank God, we Christians have it.
 - And on the day of his Ascension, Christ our Lord bade us go and share it with others: *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16: 17). *"...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, through Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth"* (Acts 1: 8).

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