

3. Jesus ascends into heaven. (Acts. 1:9-11)

Table Talk

- 1) What did Luke write about in his first book? (v. 1) What is this second book going to be about? (v. 2) How is it that both Jesus' earthly ministry and the ministry of the church can be called the actions and teaching of Jesus?
- 2) What happened between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus? (v. 3) Why is the topic of the kingdom of God (v. 3) and the restoration of the kingdom to Israel (v. 6) so important?
- 3) What is our second vital sign? How is that vital sign impossible apart from the power of the Holy Spirit? (v. 5)
- 4) Describe the work of each person of the Trinity in verses 4 and 5. Describe the work of each person of the Trinity in the prophetic timetable and the mission of the church (vv. 7-8). Why does Luke emphasize the Trinity in these two sections?
- 5) How does Jesus answer the disciples' questions about end times? (vv. 7-8) What mission does Jesus give the apostles? Why should we be more focused on the mission that Jesus has given in verse 8 than we are with a prophetic timetable? How does verse 8 fit in with our third vital sign as a church?
- 6) What have you thought about the ascension of Jesus? Why do you think it is not given much importance by many Christians? What is the significance of the ascension? (Hint: there is more than one answer) (vv. 9-11)