



Inter-Lutheran Theological Seminary

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Dear Friends,

Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.¹

On the 26th of this month we commemorate the ascension of our Lord. Sadly, we barely acknowledge the day, but Jesus took it to be quite significant. He told Mary Magdalene that she couldn't hold on to Him after His resurrection for to complete His mission He needed to return to His Father. Upon His return to heaven, He accomplished amazing things for us. He cleansed the heavenly sanctuary with His blood.

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.²

In this way, He fulfilled the promise that He had previously given to His disciples.

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.³

Once Jesus had fulfilled His earthly work and returned to the Father, there was no place for Satan, our accuser, to remain there and make accusation against us.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.⁶ And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

⁷ And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,⁸ And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.⁴

This is the fulness of what Jesus revealed to Mary in His appearance to her on Easter morning. May we remember the Ascension this year and see the completed work of our Lord Jesus, accomplished for us.

God's Peace, Jay Weidner

¹ *The Holy Bible: King James Version* (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Jn 20:17). (2009). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

² *The Holy Bible: King James Version* (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Heb 9:11–12). (2009). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

³ *The Holy Bible: King James Version* (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Jn 14:1–2). (2009). Logos Research Systems, Inc.

⁴ *The Holy Bible: King James Version* (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version., Re 12:5–10). (2009). Logos Research Systems, Inc.



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