

# HERE AM I SEND ME

**“Not a Bird, Not a Plane, It Is The Risen Christ!”**

## GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Morning Message by Ray Reynolds (June 9, 2013)

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Text: Acts 1:4-11

Introduction: We are continuing our series entitled “Here Am I, Send Me” as we endeavor to learn more about the faith of the apostles in Acts, the work of the church, and the spread of Christianity. This morning we are going to focus on the ascension. Let’s study this amazing story together....

### Discussion:

#### **I. The Rarity of the Ascension**

1<sup>st</sup> Ascension = Enoch - **Hebrews 11:5**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ascension = Elijah- **II Kings 2:1, 11**, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ascension = Jesus  
The resurrection from the grave proved that He was the son of God with power (**Romans 1:4-5, 16**), but His ascension is what concluded His personal earthly ministry.

#### **II. The Reality of the Ascension**

Who? What? When? Where? Why? How?

What did Jesus say? (**John 12:32, John 14:3, John 14:19, John 16:17, John 16:16, John 16:28**)

Luke’s gospel ended with the ascension of Jesus (**Luke 24:50-5**)

The book of Acts begins with the ascension of Jesus (**Acts 1:6-11**)

The ascension of Jesus forever changed the apostles. (**Acts 1:12-2:47**)

The ascension of Jesus influenced many others (**II Corinthians 15:6**)

#### **III. The Results of the Ascension**

Jesus now sits at the God’s right hand (**Acts 2:33, Ephesians 1:20, Revelation 1:9**)

Jesus accepted all power and authority in this reign (**Matthew 28:18-20**)

Jesus finished His race as our forerunner (**Hebrews 6:19-20**)

Jesus would officially be seen as our great example (**I Peter 2:21-25**)

Jesus entered into the holiest of places (**Hebrews 9:24**)

Jesus assumed the role as our mediator (**I Timothy 2:5**)

Jesus began making intercession for humanity (**Hebrews 7:25, 8:24**)

Jesus assists all believers in their daily lives (**Matthew 28:18-20**)

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit (**John 7:39, 14:6**)

Jesus sends the gifts of the church (**Ephesians 4:8-13**)

Jesus will never have to die again (**Colossians 1:15-18**)

Jesus serves as a witness to our deeds on earth (**Acts 7:56, Revelation 2-3**)

Jesus became our High Priest (**Hebrews 4:14-16**)

Jesus holds a position of supremacy (**Colossians 1:9-18, I Peter 3:21-22**)

Jesus adds believers to the church (**Acts 2:41, I Corinthians 12:18**)

Jesus sets a precedent for the ascension of the saints (**I Thessalonians 4 :15**)

Jesus will come back to receive us (**I Thessalonians 4:13, Acts 7:59**)

Jesus is waiting for the day to come back (**John 14:3, I Thessalonians 4:13-5:22**)

#### **IV. The Response to the Ascension**

They were full of joy, ready to worship, comforted, encouraged, and motivated (**Luke 24, Acts 1-2**).

Conclusion: The work of Jesus in His church is not over. These words give us hope. Are you ready to say, “Here am I, send me!” Are you ready to be a living witness? Have you shared your story?