

They Were Called Christians

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

Acts 1:7-9

I. “*Why Do You Stand Looking into the Sky?*”

A. Jesus’ Ascension Began a New Era!

1. Jesus’ apostles needed “the Resurrection”

Mark 16:9-11

Mark 16:12-13

Romans 1:4

John 20:28-29

2. What Jesus needed was “the Ascension”!

John 17:4-5

B. What was It Like for Jesus to Leave His Friends?

1. He tried many times to prepare them for His cross(?!). Now He prepares them for His departure.

Mark 13:12-13

John 17:18

Mark 16:15

John 6:28-29

2. The New Testament teaches us that the future of the cosmos/creation is determined by the church!

Romans 8:19-21

C. Several Parables Anticipate this Spiritual Amnesia. (Matthew 24 - 25)

1. Modern men like Nietzsche, Marx, etc., believe, “God has abandoned us, so we get to choose!”

Acts 1:11

Matthew 24:48-49

Matthew 25:5

Matthew 25:19

2. Why didn't Jesus clean up the issues of the homeless, the poor, the criminal, etc., when He was here?

Matthew 25:40

CONCLUSION:

Meadows: John 14:

Guests: Acts 2:21, 36-41; 22:16; Mark 16:16