

1 April 2018: Preached by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

**Topic: Risen, Ascended, Returning**

Scripture text: Acts 1:1-11

1. Jesus Christ was risen from the dead on the third day and He has ascended to Heaven. Soon, He will return to earth the second time to judge sinners and reward the saints.

2. The resurrection of Jesus Christ is an indisputable fact (v. 3). His bodily resurrection was seen of the disciples and Jesus' resurrected body was flesh and bones. Jesus' resurrection is the climax of the gospel, without which His death would be in vain and we will still be dead in our sins. The proof that corroborates Jesus' resurrection was the disciples' boldness to declare the resurrection of Christ. They cannot but speak the things which they have seen and heard.

3. Jesus ascended into Heaven (v. 9) and is now seated on the right hand of God the Father ruling over all. He remains fully God and fully Man in Heaven. Jesus is also King reigning in our hearts and we must yield our lives completely to Him. Jesus is our Great High Priest and Great Physician who hears our prayers, intercedes and delivers us from temptations. He is preparing a place for us in Heaven.

4. Jesus is waiting to return to the earth the second time. His second coming will be a physical, visible and glorious one (v. 10-11). The reason for Christ's delayed return is His mercies and for all sinners to repent of their sins (2 Pet 3:7-9). In His time, Jesus will rule visibly in Jerusalem with His saints and restore the kingdom of Israel once again (v. 6-7). Peace will return on earth when the Prince of Peace returns (Isa 2:1-4). Let us labour and witness for Christ till He returns (v. 8).