

Luke 24:50-53

So the story goes...

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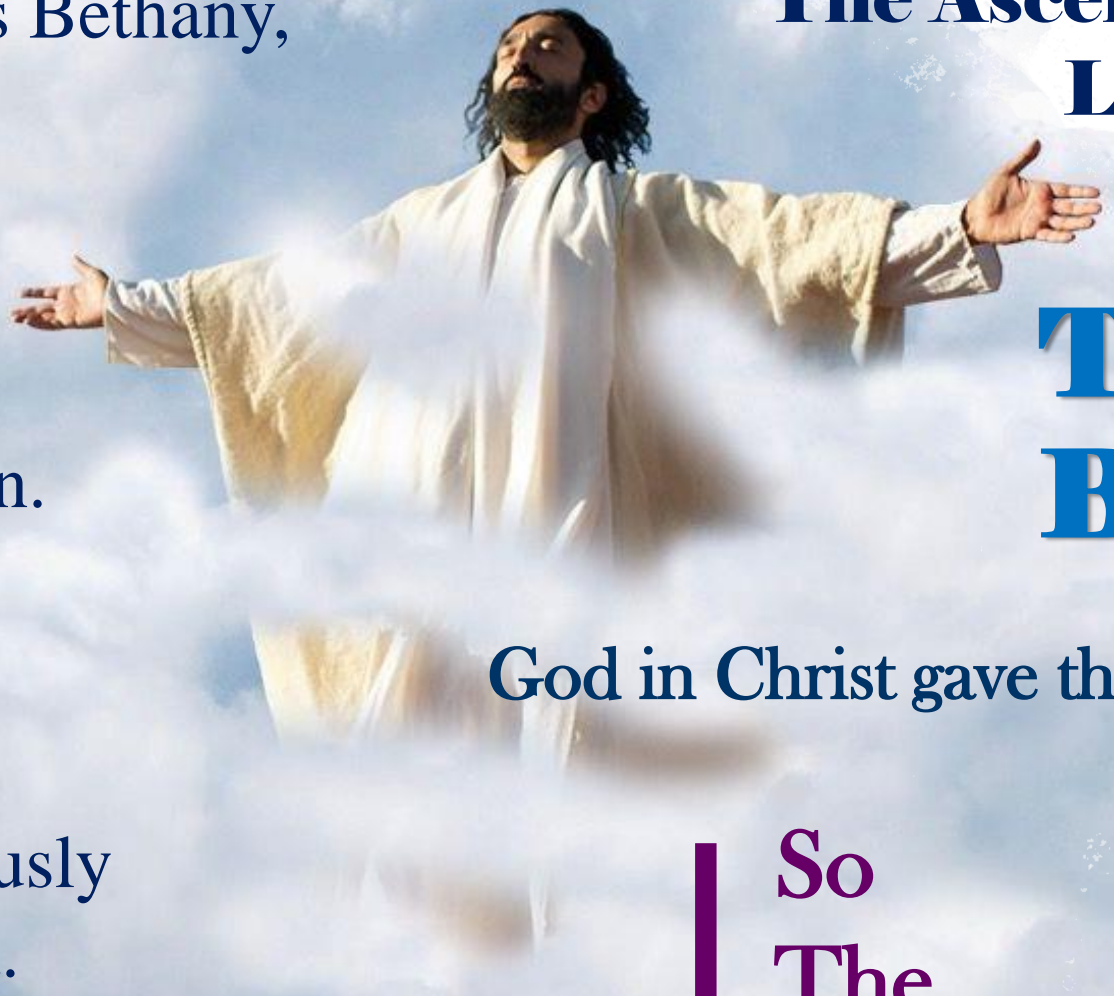
50 He led them out as far as Bethany, where he lifted his hands and **blessed them.**

51 As he **blessed them,** he left them and was taken up to heaven.

52 They worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem overwhelmed with joy.

53 And they were continuously in the temple praising God.

The Ascension of Jesus Luke 24:50-53



The Blessing!

God in Christ gave them permission

So
The
Story
Goes!

to believe
to be human
to fail
to dream
to go
to be

So
the
story
goes...

Imago DⁱDei

In the beginning
God began to create....
 God saw that it was good
God made humans...
 God saw that Humans
were supremely good.

At the core of our being
is the Nature of God
is the Heart of God
is the Character of God
is the Love of God

**We must set our minds of the “Original
Goodness/Godness of People.**

“Our starting place was always original goodness, not original sin. This makes our ending place—and everything in between—possessing an inherent capacity for goodness, truth, and beauty.”

— Richard Rohr, *The Divine Dance*:

So the story goes...

Foundation: God is Good
Creation: We are the image of God
Incarnation: God is among us
Pentecost: God is in us

Where does the story go from here?



God is Good

We must learn how to recognize the positive flow and to distinguish it from the negative resistance within ourselves.

It takes years of practice.

If a voice comes from accusation and leads to accusation, it is quite simply the voice of the “Accuser,” which is the literal meaning of the biblical word “Satan.”

Shaming, accusing, or blaming is simply not how God talks.

God in Christ is supremely nonviolent.

God only **woos**, **softens**, and **invites** us into an always bigger field and it is always a unified field. - Richard Rohr



We believe that if people
just could think right...
then they would understand,
know God,
be more like me/us



People!

We're the ones who tell them who they are.
We don't need to spend as much time as we do
telling people what we think about what they're doing.



“We are created to live life around a table
in the taking and breaking, giving
and sharing, knowing and being known.
Bread welcomes us into the community for
which our souls were made.”

“Just as salt brings out the best in food,
so too, Christ brings out the best in us as
others experience the flavor of Christ
through us.”

