

## Friday – September 6, 2024 – Men in Christ

Acts 1:2-3 ... until the day when he was taken up, (ἀνελήμφθη - ἀναλαμβάνω), after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during those forty days, speaking about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority.

1. The forty days between the resurrection and the ascension are barely preserved for us -
  - a. We have a few scattered references to appearances.
  - b. We have a handful of notes about his teaching
  - c. Matthew alone preserves the Great Commission - Matthew 28:19 *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.*
  - d. John preserves for us another fish encounter: John 21
2. But we ought not to press on without a threefold focus:
  - a. The nature of the risen one on our thinking (The Crucified One).
  - b. The dramatic new "Creation Understanding) – The Christian teaching:

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.*

*To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great "I AM,"  
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme, I will sing.*

- c. The new grasp of God – What is GOD? - What is his mission? – Christian Alethia.
3. Kingdom of God as understood by Jesus: Luke 17:20-21 and John 2:23 – 3:21.