

Ascension A

- I. The days between the Lord's Resurrection and His Ascension were busy days
 - a. During these days Jesus confirmed sacramental mysteries
 - i. Great truths were revealed
 - b. The fear of death with all its horror was taken away
 - c. The immortality of both body and soul was affirmed
 - d. The Lord breathed on them & filled them with the HS
 - i. He gave Peter the keys to heaven with the power to forgive sin
 - ii. He then entrusted him with the care of His flock
 - e. During these days He joined 2 disciples on the road to Emmaus
 - i. Chided them for their disbelief
 - ii. But swept away all uncertainty by spending time with them
 1. Lukewarm hearts were set on fire
 2. Their hearts burned as He explained scriptures
 3. As they shared their meal their eyes were opened
 4. Recognized the glorified humanity before them
 - f. Throughout the whole period between the resurrection and ascension
 - i. God's providence was at work to bring this new lesson into the hearts of His disciples
 - ii. To set this one truth before their eyes
 1. That our Lord Jesus was
 - a. Truly born
 - b. Truly suffered
 - c. Truly died
 - d. Should be recognized as truly risen from the dead
 2. They could see man's nature (humanity) rising above the dignity of the heavenly creation
 - a. Above angels, archangels
 - b. Nor would there be any limit to its upward course until humanity was admitted to a seat at the right hand of the Father
 - i. Enthroned at last in the glory of Him whose nature He shared as Son
 - c. Jesus' humanity is seated at the right hand of Father
 3. NB – Jesus experienced everything we do – but sin
 - a. He was born
 - b. He lived – He suffered
 - c. He died
 - d. He rose
 - e. He ascended to the Father
 - f. SO SHALL WE