

**Sermon Title: The Victory Tour of Jesus**

**Sermon Text: Various Scriptures**

**Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to never let the old, old story of salvation get old.**

**Sermon Proposition: There are stages of the victory of Jesus Christ to celebrate.**

- I. The victory tour of the cross.
- II. The victory tour of the burial. John 19:38-42
- III. The victory tour of the resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15
- IV. The victory tour of the ascension. Acts 1:9-11

**I. The victory tour of the cross.**

- A. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal forgiveness.  
**Luke 23:34** Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots.
- B. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal presence.  
**Luke 23:43** And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."
- C. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal righteousness.  
**John 19:26-27** When Jesus therefore saw His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He said to His mother, "Woman, behold your son!" **27** Then He said to the disciple, "Behold your mother!" And from that hour that disciple took her to his own *home*.
- D. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal devotion. (**Mark 15:34**)  
**Matthew 27:46** And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?" that is, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"
- E. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal satisfaction.  
**John 19:28** After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, "I thirst!"  
**Psalms 22:15** My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws; You have brought Me to the dust of death.
- F. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal completion.  
**John 19:30** So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.  
**Hebrews 9:12** Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.  
**Hebrews 10:12** But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,
- G. The victory of the cross is supported by eternal confidence.  
**Luke 23:46** And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." Having said this, He breathed His last.  
**John 10:15** "As the Father knows Me, even so I know the Father; and I lay down My life for the sheep.  
**John 10:17-18** "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again. **18** "No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

## II. The victory tour of the burial. John 19:38-42

- A. The burial provided time for announcement of victory to the powers of darkness. (1 Peter 3:18-19)  
Between Christ's death and resurrection, His living spirit went among the demon spirits bound in the abyss and proclaimed that, in spite of His death, He had triumphed over them. [Colossians 2:14-15 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.] the fallen angels are the spirits in prison (demons) who are permanently bound because of their rebellion in heaven and over time. In the climax of history, they will be sent to the Lake of Fire for eternity.  
**Revelation 20:10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.  
**Matthew 25:41** "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

This would also include the rebellion demons of Noah's day. (**Genesis 6:1-8**)

- B. The burial provided time for the victory parade of Old Testament saints and New Testament saints.  
**Psalms 68:18** You have ascended on high, You have led captivity captive; You have received gifts among men, Even from the rebellious, That the LORD God might dwell there.  
**Ephesians 4:8** Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men."  
**Luke 16:22-23** "So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 "And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

(Abraham's bosom) This was used in the Talmud as a figure for heaven. Hades is the place of the wicked prior to final judgment in hell.

## III. The victory tour of the resurrection. 1 Corinthians 15

- A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates the preaching of the Gospel. (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, 12-14)
- B. The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates the future resurrection of the saints. (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)
- C. The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates the striving for Holy living. (1 Corinthians 15:29-34)
- D. The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates the promise of glorified bodies in heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:39-50)
- E. The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates the freedom from the fear of eternal death. (1 Corinthians 15:51-54)

#### IV. The victory tour of the ascension. Acts 1:9-11

- A. The ascension validates the completion of Jesus's work on earth.
- B. The ascension validates the end of His human limitations. **John 17:5**
1. Jesus goes back to heaven different than He came.
  2. Jesus modeled full and perfect humanity.
  3. Jesus is the headship of redeemed humanity.
  4. Jesus bares the scars of suffering that will remain forever.
- C. The ascension validates the universal and eternal worship of the Lord Jesus Christ.
1. **Philippians 2:5-10**
  2. **Acts 7:54-56** When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. **55** But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, **56** and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"
- D. The ascension validates the Lord's sending of the Holy Spirit.
1. **John 16:7** "Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.
  2. **Acts 1:4-5** And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," *He said*, "you have heard from Me; **5** "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- E. The ascension validates the Lord's preparation of a new home for redeemed humanity. **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.
- F. The ascension validates the passing of the Gospel ministry to the church.
1. **2 Corinthians 5:17-21**
  2. **Ephesians 4:8-11**
  3. **Acts 1:8**
  4. **Matthew 28:16-20**
- G. The ascension validates the provision of a Great High Priest for us. **Hebrews 4:14** Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* confession.