



John 20:17 Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

The Ascension

What it means for us

Jesus sends the Promised Holy Spirit

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever-- But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father--the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father--he will testify about me.



His presence for all, everywhere

John 16:5-7 but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.



Acts 1:7 -11 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

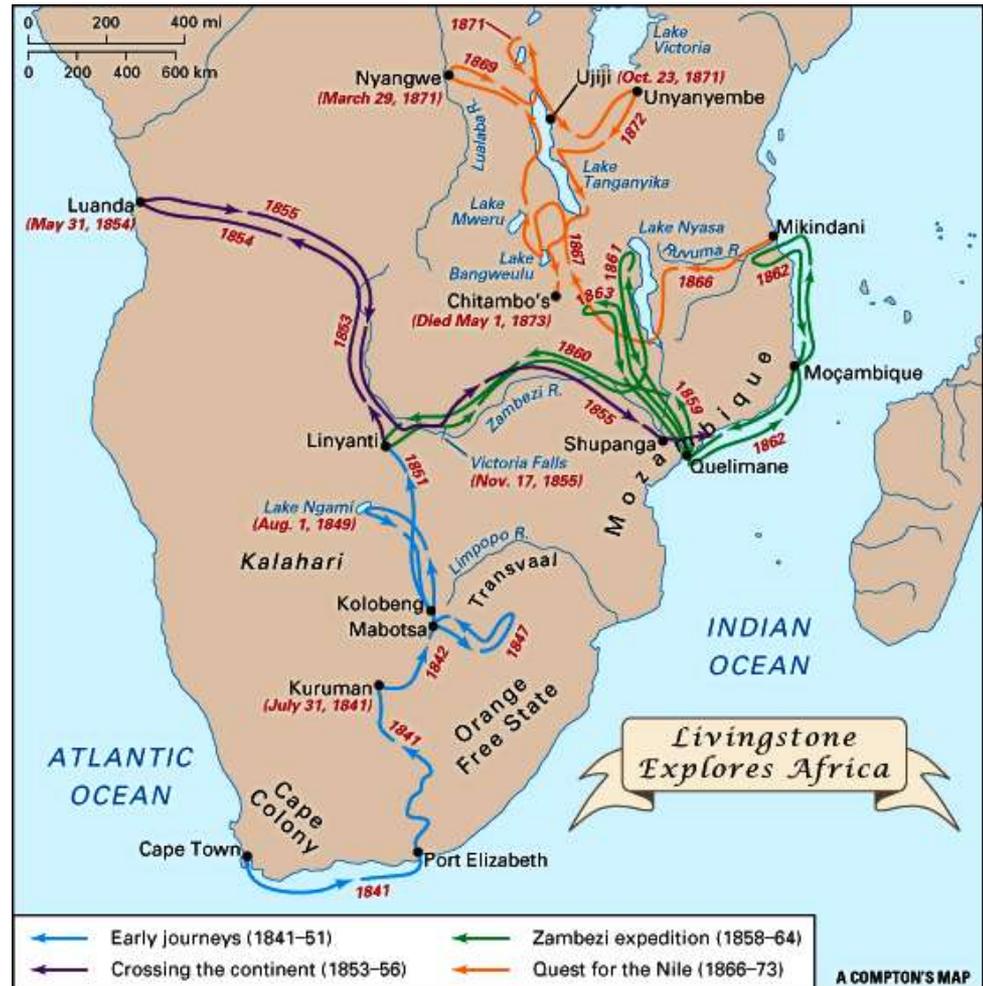
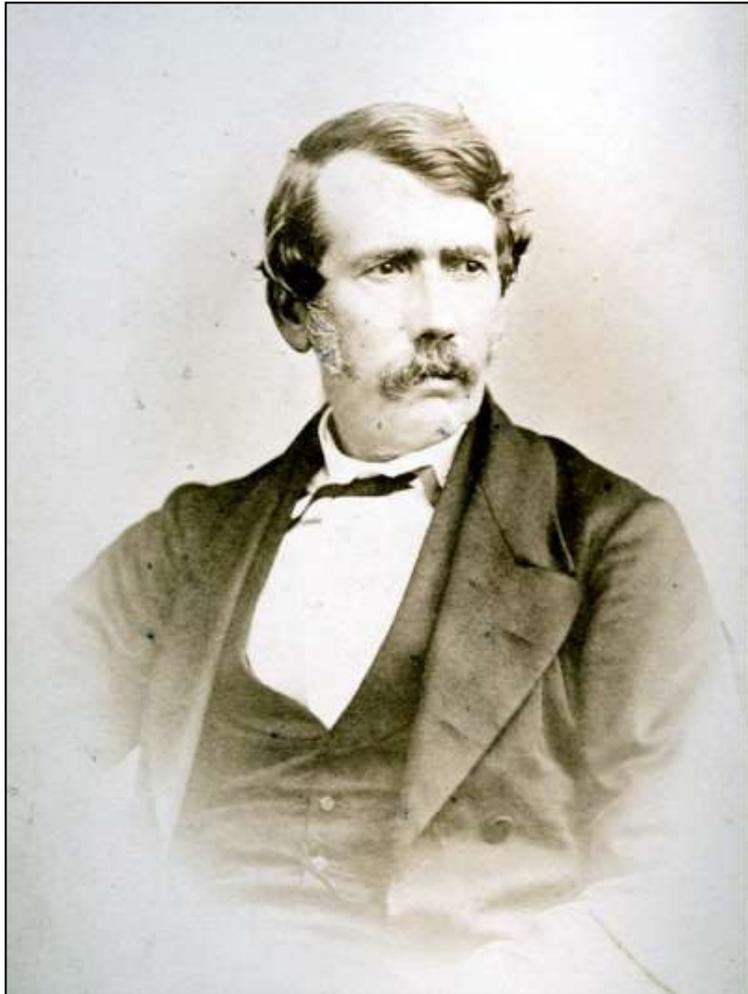
Jesus' victorious return to heaven

Psalm 47:5 God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Ephesians 4:8-10 This is why it says: "When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people." (What does "he ascended" mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

The fore-runner



Hebrews 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

The first of a big family



Hebrews 2:10-11 In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

Our great high priest



Hebrews 4:14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

**Representing
his people
before God**

An Advocate with God



Interceding at the Father's right hand

Job 16:19 Even now my witness is in heaven; my advocate is on high.

1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

JESUS is THE C.E.O.

1Corinthians15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.



Philippians 2:10-11 .. at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

JESUS is THE H.S.O.

2 Corinthians 1:10 He has delivered us from such a deadly peril,



and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,



The Promise of :-
1, His return,
2. Our resurrection
and vision of Jesus

This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Every eye shall see him!