

HOMILY; FEAST OF THE ASCENSION MAY 29TH 2022

INTRODUCTION:

TODAY WE ARE CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD INTO HEAVEN....THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION GIVES US AN INSIGHT INTO LIFE THAT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND TO BETTER SORT OUT THE PARADOXICAL INTERPLAY BETWEEN--- LIFE AND DEATH,---PRESENCE AND ABSENCE,--- LOVE, AND LOSS.

IT WAS THE APOSTLES HOPE AND DREAM THAT JESUS WAS THE PROMISED MESSIAH.A HUMILATED,CRUCIFIED WAS UNTHINKABLE . BUT WHEN HE WAS PUT TO DEATH , THEIR DREAM WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE . A HUMILATED, CRUCIFIED MESSIAH WAS UNTHINKABLE. THEY SEARCHED THE SCRIPTURES FOR ANSWERS BUT FOUND NONE. UPON CLOSER LOOK AT THE SCRIPTURES THEY FOUND THAT THE PROPHETS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT FORETOLD THAT JESUS WOULD SUFFER AND DIE AND ENTER INTO GLORY. YES HE WOULD TAKE A STRANGE PATH TO GLORY. WAS IT THAT STRANGE? HOW CAN ANYONE OF US ATTAIN TO GLORY EXCEPT THROUGH SACRIFICE AND SUFFERING.FIRST PAIN THEN JOY!

CONCLUSION

THERE ARE TIMES IN MY LIFE WHEN I FIND MYSELF GOING DOWN A SAD AND LONELY ROAD. I MUST REMEMBER I AM

NOT ALONE. THE RISEN LORD JOURNEYS WITH ME . HE KNOWS
ALL ABOUT HUMAN SUFFERING . HE IS SO CLOSE TO ME THAT
OUR STORIES MERGE WITH HIS . IT IS ONLY HIS STORY ,----
GLORY ACHIEVED THROUGH SUFFERING AND DEATH , THAT
HELPS ME MAKE SENSE OF MY OWN STORY .

AMEN .