

Jesus Ascends to Heaven

Acts 1:3, 6-11 - *Jesus Ascends to Heaven*

3 He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

6 So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority.

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

9 And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.

10 And while they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”

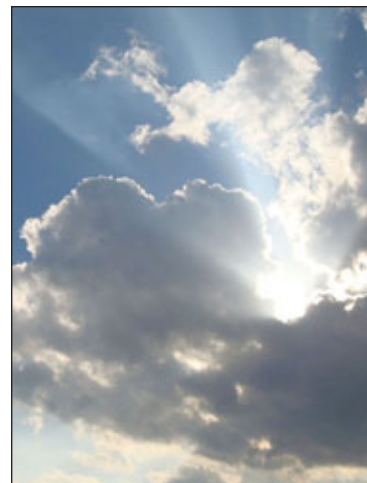
Matthew 28:16-20 - *The Great Commission*

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw Him they worshiped Him, but some doubted.

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. 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, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Mark 16:19-20

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.



O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! Psalm 8:1

Luke 24:51-53

51 While He blessed them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.
52 And they worshiped Him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God.

A Closer Look: Jesus Ascends to Heaven

1. How long was Jesus on earth after He rose from the dead? (*40 days*) What was He doing during this time? (*He was showing Himself to many people, proving He had risen from the dead. He spoke about the Kingdom of God. Acts 1:3*)
2. The disciples wanted Jesus to stay with them forever as an earthly king. Why do you think Jesus returned to heaven? (*His work on earth was finished. He was not an earthly king. He is reigning at the Father's right hand in heaven. Mark 16:19*)
3. Why do you think Jesus wanted His disciples to see Him rise into Heaven? (*He wanted them to tell the world what they had seen.*) How did the two men in white robes comfort the disciples? (*Jesus will come again. Acts 1:11*)
4. The disciples saw Jesus return to heaven. Does that mean Jesus was no longer with them? What promise did He make to the disciples and to us? (*He would be with us till the end of the world. Matthew 28:20*)
5. Who did Jesus say would come and give them the power to speak? (*The Holy Spirit*) What are we to do until Jesus returns? (*Be His witnesses to the world. Acts 1:8*)
6. What did the disciples do after Jesus ascended? (*They worshipped Jesus. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They preached everywhere about what Jesus had done. Luke 24:52 and Mark 16:20*)
7. Tell what the Great Commission means to you? (*Matthew 28: 18-20*) To whom is Jesus giving these commands? (*The disciples and us.*)
8. In whose name are we to baptize? (*The Father, Son and Holy Spirit Matthew 28:19*)