

## The Ascension of Jesus

Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:1-12



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## The Story

We learned how Jesus died on the cross for the punishment of our sins. After He arose from the dead on Easter, He met with believers for forty days. Jesus wanted them to know for sure that He was God's Son, the Savior. Today we will learn what happened the last day Jesus was on earth.

Jesus wants all believers to tell all people what He did to save them. But He picked some men called apostles to learn more about His work. They were to become ready to witness or tell about Jesus to others around the earth.

On His last day on this earth, Jesus led the apostles to Mount Olivet near Bethany. He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit to come to them in a special way.

The Holy Spirit would lead them to tell all people that Jesus is their Savior.

Then, while Jesus lifted His hands and blessed them, He ascended, or was slowly lifted up until a cloud hid Him from sight. God, His Father, received Jesus into heaven and gave Him all power in heaven and earth.

While the apostles gazed up into the sky, two angels stood by them and said, "Why are you gazing up into heaven This same Jesus who went up into heaven will come again in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven." Then the apostles praised Jesus and went joyfully to Jerusalem. They kept going to God's house to praise God while they waited to receive the Holy Spirit as Jesus had said.

**Jesus returned to heaven after His work of redemption was finished. Jesus' last message to His disciples was to direct them to spread His Gospel message throughout the world.**

**Review** - Fill in the blank, underline or mark an "X" by the correct answers below.

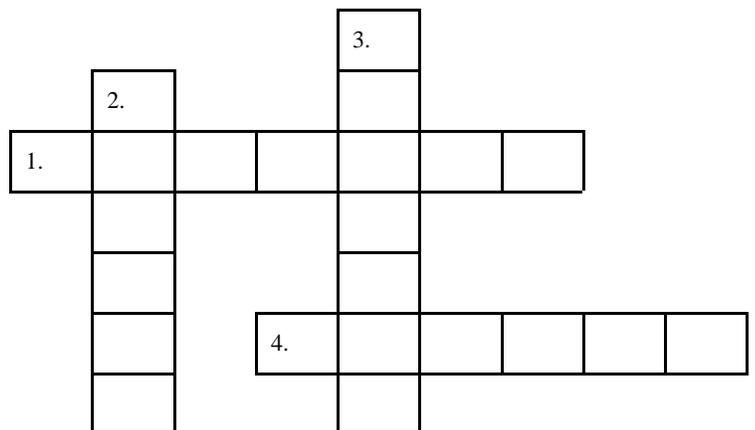
1. Jesus rose from the dead on (Good Friday, Easter, Ascension).
2. Jesus met with many believers for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

3. Jesus wanted ... *(3 answers are correct)*
  - ( ) to show that He was the Savior.
  - ( ) to teach them about His work for sinners.
  - ( ) to get an army together.
  - ( ) to tell them to teach all people.
  
4. Jesus led His apostles toward (Bethany, Bethlehem, Jerusalem).
  
5. Jesus ascended into heaven ... *(2 answers are correct)*
  - ( ) to be Ruler over everything and everyone.
  - ( ) to rest forever.
  - ( ) to make a place ready for all believers.
  
6. The apostles were to wait in \_\_\_\_\_.
  
7. The apostles would then ...
  - ( ) get money for preaching trips.
  - ( ) receive the Holy Spirit.
  
8. Jesus wants us believers ... *(there will be more than one answer)*
  - ( ) to tell everyone we can about Him.
  - ( ) to learn His Word, the Bible.
  - ( ) to praise Him for saving us.
  - ( ) to help send others to preach where we can not go.

**Matching and Puzzle** - Match list A with list B by drawing lines, then put list A in the puzzle.

- List A**
1. Apostle
  2. Spirit
  3. Witness
  4. Ascend

- List B**
- Holy
  - tell about
  - go up
  - person sent



Jesus has called us to teach all nations because we are His disciples too. We are to spread the Gospel message that Jesus died for all sins. Jesus has promised to be with us until He takes us to be with Him forever.

## Passages

*"Jesus sits on the right hand of God." Mark 16:19*

God put Jesus on His right side. What does this mean?

*"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth ... I am with you always even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:18, 20*

Why should we not be afraid to tell others about Jesus? (2 reasons)

*"I go to prepare a place for you, and ... I will come again and receive you to Myself." John 14:2,3*

What is Jesus promising here?

When will Jesus come to receive all believers?

The Second Article: He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick (*living*) and the dead.

**Map Activity** - Color the places on the globe where people need to hear of Jesus.

**Hymn** - Hymn 215 v. 1

Draw us to Thee,  
For then shall we  
Walk in Thy steps forever  
And hasten on  
Where Thou art gone  
To be with Thee, dear Savior.



## Prayer

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for sending Your apostles all over the earth so our parents could learn Your Word to give to us. Help us to tell others that Jesus is also their Savior. Amen.