

JESUS RETURNS TO HEAVEN

Jesus Makes a Promise

John 14:1-6

1[The night before Jesus died, he said to his disciples:] "Do not be upset. Trust in God. And trust in me.

2"I am going to heaven to prepare a place for you. I tell you the truth: In my Father's house are many rooms.

3"I will go and prepare a place for you. Then I will come back. And I will take you to be with me."

4Jesus said, "You know how to go there."

5Thomas said to Jesus, "We don't know where you are going. So we don't know how to go there."

6Jesus answered, "[I am going to my Father's house in heaven.] I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life. I am the only way to God – you can only come to God the Father through me."

God the Father Makes a Promise

Acts 1:3-11

Luke 24:50-52

Acts 1:3After Jesus died on the cross, he showed himself to his disciples. For forty days, Jesus appeared to them. He proved many times that he was alive again. And Jesus told his disciples about God's kingdom.

4One day, Jesus was eating with his disciples. Jesus said to his disciples, "My Father promised to give you a gift. So wait in Jerusalem. In a few days, my Father in heaven will give you this gift – it is the Holy Spirit. God's Holy Spirit will come on you."

8"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Then you will tell everyone about me – in Jerusalem – in Israel – in the next country – and to every country in the world."

Luke 24:50Then, Jesus took his disciples outside Jerusalem [to the Mount of Olives]. Jesus lifted his hands, and he blessed his disciples. 51While he was blessing his disciples, God took Jesus up into heaven.

Acts 1:9A cloud hid Jesus – so the disciples could not see him. 10The disciples stood there. They were looking up into the sky. Suddenly two angels stood beside the disciples. The angels were wearing white clothes.

11The angels said to the disciples, "Why are you looking up into the sky? Jesus went up into heaven – and Jesus will come back in the same way."

Luke 24:52 Then the disciples worshiped Jesus. And the disciples were very happy – and the disciples returned to Jerusalem.

What is Jesus Doing Now?

Mark 16:19

Hebrews 7:24-25

16:19 Jesus went up into heaven. And Jesus sat down at God's right hand.

7:24 Jesus lives forever. 25 We can come to God, if we believe in Jesus. And Jesus can save us completely. Why? Jesus can save us, because he is always alive to help us.

CONTENT QUESTIONS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What did Jesus tell the disciples to do? (verse 1)
- Why was Jesus going to heaven? (verse 2)
- What is in God the Father's house? (verse 2)
 - How many rooms are in the Father's house? (verse 2)

Who will live in the rooms?

- What did Jesus promise the disciples? (verse 3)

- Do the disciples know how to go to heaven? (verses 4 & 5)
- How can the disciples go to God in heaven? (verse 6)
What is the only way for the disciples to go to heaven? (verse 6)

Can the disciples go to God in heaven by themselves?
What do you think the disciples must do to go to heaven?

- After Jesus became alive again, how many days did they see Jesus? (Acts 1:3)
- What did God the Father promise to give the disciples? (verse 4)
- What will the disciples get (when the Holy Spirit comes on them)? (verse 8 – power)

Remember: How did the disciples feel after Jesus died?

Did the disciples feel powerful?

- What must the disciples do (after the Holy Spirit comes on them)? (verse 8)

Why do you think the disciples need power to tell everyone?

- Where did Jesus take his disciples? (Luke 24:50)
- What 2 things did Jesus do on the Mt. of Olives? (24:50 & 51)
- Then, where did Jesus go? (verse 51)
- Who stood beside the disciples? (verse 10)
- What will Jesus do in the future? (verse 11) [Now, we are waiting for Jesus to return.]
- What two things did the disciples do after the angels spoke to them? (Luke 24:52)
 - How did the disciples feel? (verse 52)

Why do you think the disciples were very happy?

- Where is Jesus now? (Mark 16:19)
- What can Jesus do for us? (Hebrews 7:25)
- Why can Jesus save us? (verse 24 and 25)

Do you think a dead person can save us?
Can a dead person make us live forever?

- How can we come to God? (verse 25)