

Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

Jesus Returned to Heaven

Matthew 28; Acts 1

STORY POINT: JESUS GAVE HIS DISCIPLES THE GREAT COMMISSION.

After Jesus died on the cross and was raised from the dead, He spent time with His disciples over 40 days. Jesus told them even more about God's kingdom. Jesus said, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." Jesus gave the disciples—and everyone who follows Him—a job to do. He said, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel. Make disciples of people from every nation."

Jesus also said, "Baptize them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you." Then Jesus said, "Remember this: I am always with you, until the very end of the age."

Jesus said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you. You will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After Jesus said these things, He went up into heaven. All of a sudden, two angels appeared. These angels asked, "This Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come again. He will return in the same way that you have seen Him going into heaven."

Christ Connection: Jesus left earth and returned to heaven, but He did not leave us alone. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to be with us and help us do God's work—to teach people everywhere about Jesus so they will trust in Him as their Lord and Savior. One day, Jesus will return to make all things new and to rule as Lord over all.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Where is Jesus today?
- What promises did Jesus make to His disciples?
- What has Jesus commanded us to do while we wait for His return?

Ascension Search

Find and circle the key words in the word search.

- ANGELS
- AUTHORITY
- BAPTIZE
- DISCIPLES
- EARTH
- FORTY
- DAYS
- HEAVEN
- JERUSALEM
- JESUS
- JUDEA
- NATIONS
- POWER
- REMEMBER
- SAMARIA
- WITNESSES

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What's Next?

Use the coordinates to decode the names of the places Jesus spoke about.
 Tip: (2,3) = A

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