

ON FIRE

1. THE ASCENSION

After Jesus' resurrection, He showed everyone He was alive, and then He lifted up into heaven. He is there now, waiting to come back for us.

- 1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
- 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.



- He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by
- 3 many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.
 - 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart



- from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me;
- 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

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.



✓ END OF READING

DID YOU KNOW



Luke, a close friend of the apostle Paul, wrote the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, where we get the most details about the ascension. God helped Luke write a careful record so we can know the whole truth (Luke 1:1-4).



Jesus proved He was alive and spent 40 days teaching and encouraging His followers and opening their minds to truly understand God's word (Luke 24:44-49). We need Jesus to help us understand the Scriptures.



As Jesus was taken up, He was blessing His disciples (Luke 24:50-52). Jesus is called our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14), and one of the jobs of the High Priest is to bless the people of God (Numbers 6:22-27). Jesus wants to bless you today.



The return of Jesus is promised in Acts 1:11, but His return is mentioned about 20 other times in the New Testament. In fact, it's mentioned more than most other topics. Jesus wants us to understand He is coming back, and we should be ready.



Read Luke 24:45 in your Bible and write it below.
Let's ask Jesus to open our minds!

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LET'S HAVE FUN

Draw the other half and complete the face.



Have fun decorating:

Jesus is
Risen indeed!

