

The Ascension of Our Lord

Luke 24:50-53

Acts 1:9-12

Background Bullet Points:

- Both the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were written by the same person: a doctor named Luke.
- The Ascension took place 40 days after Jesus' resurrection (Acts 1:3).
- During these 40 days Jesus appeared to his disciples in order to teach them about the kingdom of God (Acts 1:3).

Read Luke 24:50-53

Q: What happened to Jesus here? Where did he go?

Q: After Jesus ascended what did the disciples do? How often were they doing it?

Q: If the ascension is when Jesus left his disciples and went into heaven why would they be happy?

Q: What is Jesus doing now that he has ascended into heaven? (***Read Ephesians 1:20-23, 4:10***)

Q: Since Jesus ascended does that mean he is done interacting with this world? (***Read Revelation 1:7***)

Read Acts 1:9-12

The full name of the book of Acts is "Acts of the Apostles". The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John focus on the life of Jesus but the book of Acts focuses on what the apostles and disciples did after Jesus ascended.

Q: Why would the book of Acts contain more details about Jesus' ascension than Luke's Gospel? What do you think that means for us as Jesus' disciples of today?

Q: Who were the two men in white clothes?

Q: The two men asked the disciples why they were looking up into heaven. Why would it have been very bad if that is all the disciples did after Jesus ascended?

After Jesus' disciples returned to Jerusalem they began to witness about Jesus throughout the world. We are continuing that work today so that many more can come to know what Jesus has done for them and be saved by grace through faith.