

In Like Manner

1st - 3rd Grade
Lesson 13

The Ascension of Christ

It had been 40 days since Jesus had risen from the dead. In those 40 days, He taught His disciples many things. He helped them understand why He had to die on the cross. He told them why He had to rise from the dead on the third day. He told them that they must go everywhere to tell people how to have their sins forgiven.

Then, one day, Jesus and the disciples walked up the Mount of Olives. As He was talking with them, He suddenly began rising up into the air. Mark 16:19 tells us that “he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.”

The Day He Was Taken Up

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, God told us Jesus would go back to Heaven.

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

—Psalm 110:1

As always, God’s Word is true. There on the mountain, in broad daylight, the disciples watched Jesus leave the earth.

The Way He Was Taken Up

Jesus and the disciples had been together for three years. The disciples listened to and obeyed Jesus. He knew they would be sad when He went away. Jesus told them not to be sad. He raised His arms and blessed them. Then, God’s Son went back to Heaven. Suddenly, Jesus disappeared in a cloud.

The Way He Will Return

The disciples watched Jesus as He went up. I wonder how they felt? Do you think they were sad? They would not see Him again for a while. As they looked up in the sky, two angels came and stood by them. They told the disciples some very good news.

Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

—Acts 1:11

Jesus is coming back! He will come back in the very same way He left. All of the disciples saw Jesus leave the earth. They saw the cloud around Him. The Bible says in Revelation 1:7 that Jesus will come back in the clouds and that every eye will see Him.

