



The Great 50 Days




THE ASCENSION

A Week to the Day of Pentecost!




- 1. The Tomb was Empty - Easter Sunrise .. Apr. 17**
- 2. "I Have Seen the Lord" .. Apr. 17**
- 3. The Disciples Saw Him and Believed .. Apr. 24**
- 4. "Come and Have Breakfast" .. May 1**
- 5. Peter and the Beloved Disciple .. May 8**
- 6. One Flock and One Shepherd .. May 15**
- 7. The Vine and the Branches that Bear Fruit .. May 22**
- 8. Be My Witnesses .. May 29**

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus!

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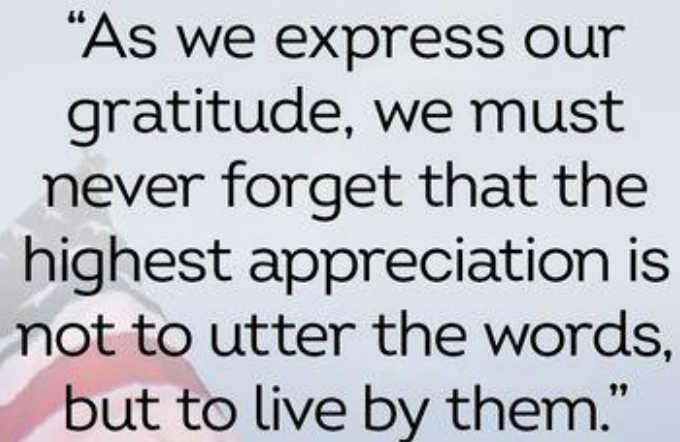
“Our nation owes a debt to its fallen heroes that we can never fully repay.”

- Barack Obama

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**Honor to the Soldier,
and Sailor everywhere, who
bravely bears his country’s cause.
Honor also to the citizen who cares
for his brother in the field, and serves,
as best he can, the same cause—
honor to him, less only than to him,
who braves, for the common good,
the storms of heaven and the
storms of battle.**

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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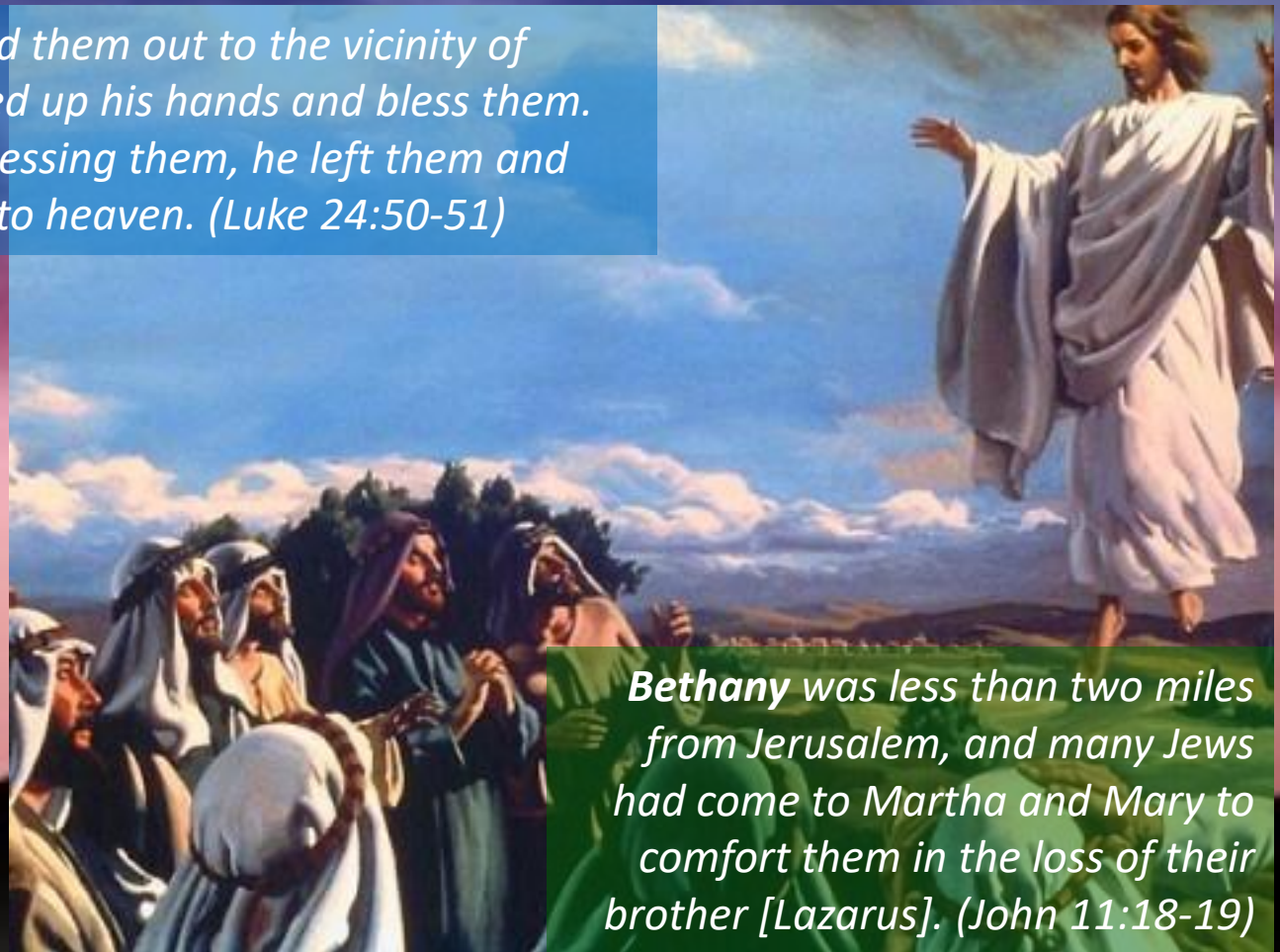
**“As we express our
gratitude, we must
never forget that the
highest appreciation is
not to utter the words,
but to live by them.”**

JOHN F. KENNEDY

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

At His Ascension, Jesus Blesses the Disciples

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and bless them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. (Luke 24:50-51)



Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother [Lazarus]. (John 11:18-19)

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

The Disciples Worship Him.



*And returned to Jerusalem with
great joy.*

AND WERE
CONTINUALLY IN THE
TEMPLE, PRAISING
AND BLESSING GOD.
AMEN.

LUKE 24:53 WEB

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

"Be Baptized with the Holy Spirit"




ACTS 1:4-5

Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-11

"Be My Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth"



Acts 1:8

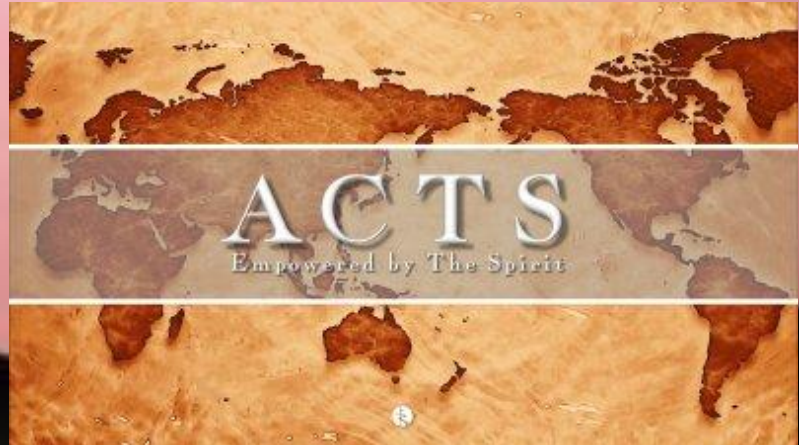
“BUT YOU SHALL
receive power

WHEN THE
HOLY SPIRIT
HAS COME UPON YOU;
AND YOU SHALL BE

witnesses to Me

IN JERUSALEM,
AND IN ALL JUDEA & SAMARIA,
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*The Primary Task of
the Church is ...*



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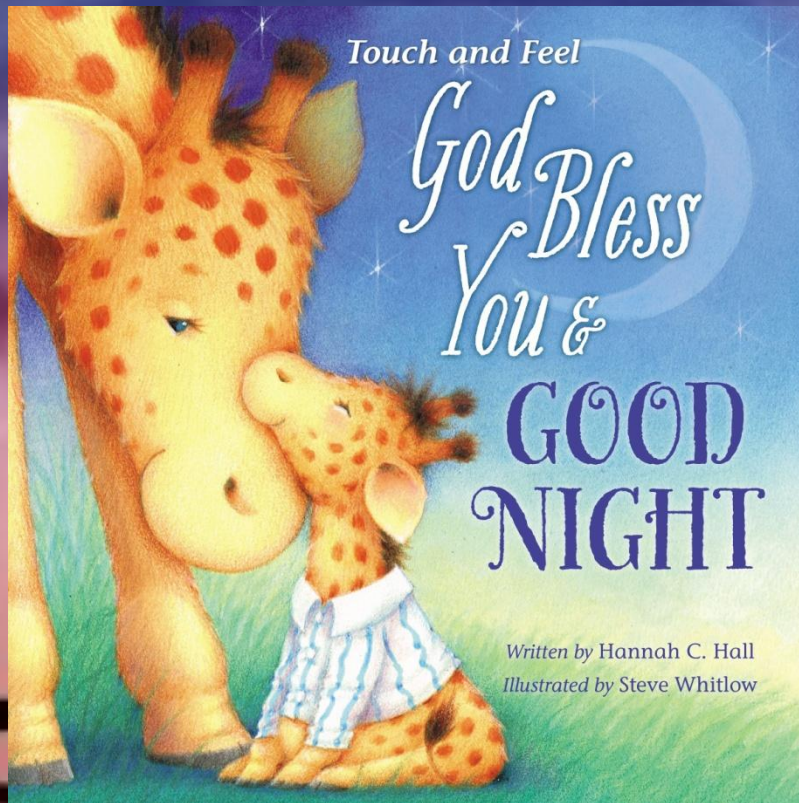
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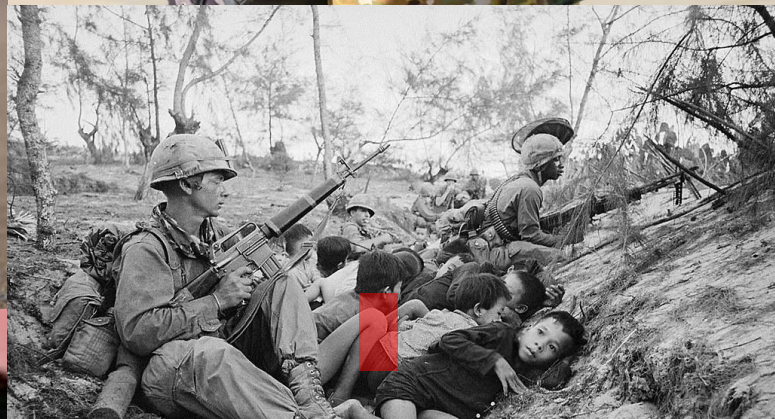
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**American Soldiers Protecting
Vietnamese Children, Da Nang 1967**

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Part 8. Be My Witnesses**

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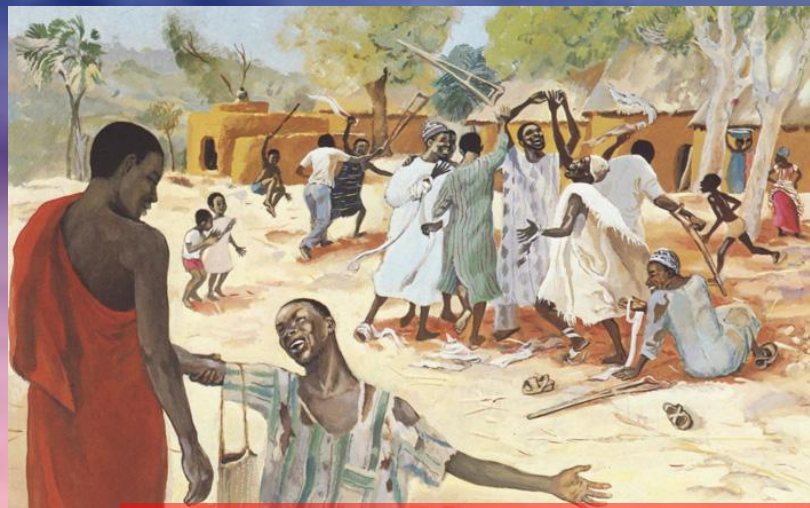
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2. The disciples stay at the temple, praising God.

Zechariah, praising God...

Luke 1:64



As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy ... "Go, show yourselves to the priests."

And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice.

(Luke 17:12-15)

... a blind near Jericho followed Jesus, praising God.

(Luke 2:20)

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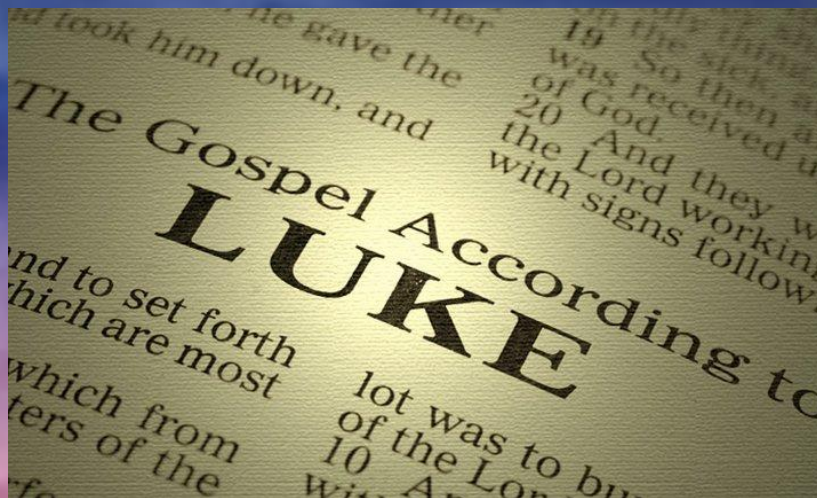
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2. The disciples stay at the temple, praising God.

Praising God and
having favor with all
the people.

And the Lord added
to their number day
by day those who were
being saved

Acts 2:47f



The church, Praising God

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

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3. “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised.

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3. *“Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift the Father promised.*

“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.”

Acts 1:11

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4. **Be my witnesses beginning in your home town and to the ends of the earth!**

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Part 8. Be My Witnesses

4. *Be my witnesses beginning in your home town and to the ends of the earth!*

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."
Acts 1:8 (NIV)

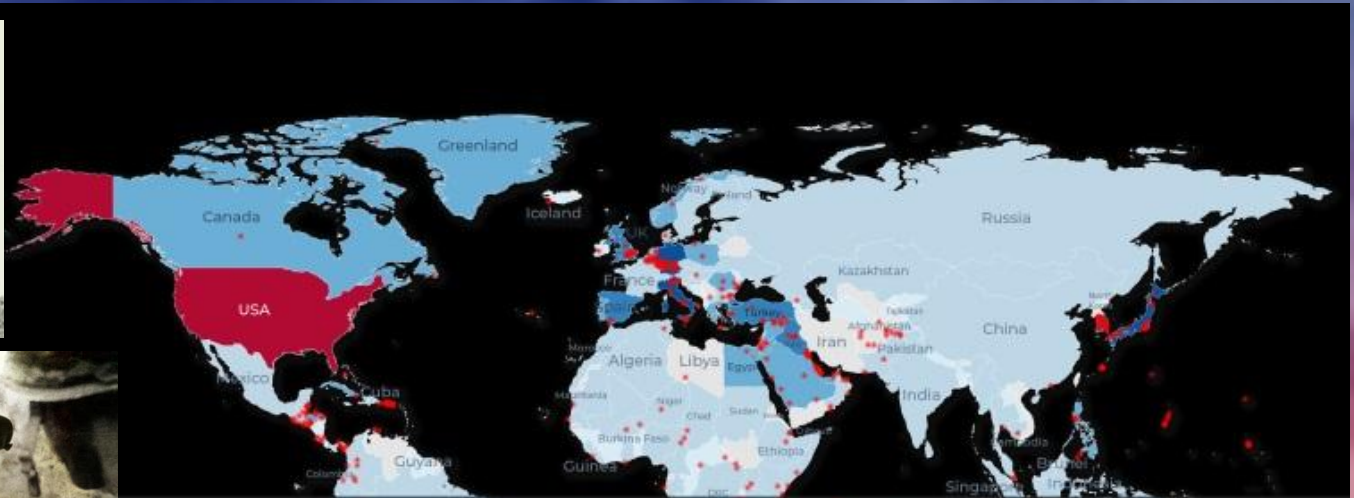


A call for Save Home

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

Part 8. Be My Witnesses

4. *Be my witnesses beginning in your home town and to the ends of the earth!*



Infographic History of US interventions in the past 70 years

The US had around 750 bases in at least 80 countries as of July 2021. David Vine, American Univ., Washington, D.C.

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