

Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

John 13, 20-21; Matthew 28; Luke 25; Acts 1



“Go and make disciples of all nations,” Jesus said before he was taken up into heaven.

Matthew 28:19

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After Jesus rose from the dead, more than 500 people saw him. He did many miracles for 40 days. If you wrote them down, the world could not hold all the books!

These were written that we might believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. By believing, we have life – real life, forever life.

The disciples were eating fish on a beach together. Jesus asked Peter, “Do you love me?”

“Yes,” Peter said. “You know that I love you.”

“Then take care of my sheep,” Jesus said. This meant that Peter was to take care of the believers.

Jesus told all his followers, “You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you.”

“Go,” Jesus said, “Make disciples of all nations. Baptize the believers. Teach them to obey everything that I told you. I will be with you always, even to the end.” Then Jesus went up into heaven. A cloud hid him from their sight.

Two angels said, “Jesus will come back again.” The disciples felt great joy. This was the start of the worldwide Christian church.

Questions

1. What did Jesus do in the 40 days that he was back on earth after he rose from the dead?
2. What commands did Jesus leave us?
3. Did the disciples obey him? How do we know?
4. Which believers can you love? Who can you teach?

Dear Jesus,

Thank you for giving me eternal life. Thank you for living inside me. Help me to tell the world who you are and what you said. Help me to love others in the way that you loved me.

Amen

Jesus promised he would never leave us. When we believe, he lives inside us. Write in the clouds: Jesus said, "I will be with you always, even to the end."

