

## **Last Teaching & Ascension of Christ** **Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:1-12**

### **Appearances of Jesus after the Resurrection:**

1. Mary at the tomb – John 20:11-18
2. Woman leaving the tomb – Matt. 28:9-10
3. James Two followers on the road to Emmaus – Luke 24:13-32
4. Peter – Luke 24:34
5. 10 of the 11 disciples – no Thomas – John 20:19-25
6. 11 disciples – Thomas (8 days later) John 20:26-31
7. 7 disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee – John 21:1-25
8. 500+ disciples and followers in Galilee – I Cor. 15:6
9. James the brother of Jesus – I Cor. 15:7
10. 11 disciples & ascension – Acts 1:1-12

During the 40 days after His resurrection, Jesus will teach and confirm five different truths with His disciples.

1. The reality of His \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The truth of the Old Testament concerning \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The coming of His spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The power of the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The assurance of His \_\_\_\_\_.

### **The Bridge between Luke and the Acts.**

“The former treatise ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: To whom also he \_\_\_\_\_ himself alive after his passion by \_\_\_\_\_ infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the \_\_\_\_\_ of God:” Acts 1:1-3

## I. Disciples' Last Instruction

**“And, being assembled together with them ( Gk - \_\_\_\_\_), commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but \_\_\_\_\_ for the promise of the \_\_\_\_\_, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost \_\_\_\_\_ many days hence.” Acts 1:4-5**

“wait for the promise of the Father” –

“For John truly baptized with water;” –

## II. Disciples' Last Question and Jesus' Reply

**“When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the \_\_\_\_\_ or the \_\_\_\_\_, which the Father hath put in his own power (Gk - \_\_\_\_\_). But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:6-8**

“wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” –

“not for you to know the times or the seasons,” –

“But ye shall receive power;” / “ye shall be witnesses unto me” –

*“Those preaching the Gospel, though ordinary people with human frailties and limitations, were empowered by the Holy Spirit to turn the world “upside down.”  
Acts 17:6 - Life Application Bible p. 1870*

### III. The Ascension

**“And when he had spoken these things, (“And he led them out as far as to \_\_\_\_\_, and he lifted up his hands, and \_\_\_\_\_ them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was taken up; and a \_\_\_\_\_ received him out of their sight” Luke 24:50-51 “and *Christ* \_\_\_\_\_ on the right hand of God.” Mark 16:19) And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men (lit. \_\_\_\_\_) stood by them in white apparel; Which also said, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11**

“led them out as far as to Bethany” –

“he blessed them,” –

“a cloud received him out of their sight” –

“sat on the right hand of God.” –

“this same Jesus, ..., shall so come in like manner” -

### IV. Disciples – Fearful & Fretful to Praising & Preaching

**(“And they worshipped him,” Luke 24:52) Then returned they (“with great joy:” Luke 24:52) unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey. (“And were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. Amen” Luke 24:53 “and they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.” Mark 16:20)” Acts 1:12**

How did the disciples react? –

Where did the disciples go? –

**Believer's Application:**

1. “But wait”, were words to the disciples given by Jesus shortly before His ascension into heaven. How are you with waiting?

2. Ten days after the ascension the Holy Spirit came onto the disciples and filled them with power. We receive Christ at the moment we put our trust in Him as Savior. What a blessed gift from God!

3. Jesus is coming again! The thought made the disciples glad. They watched for Him and actually expected Him in their lifetime. Yet, more than 2000 years later, we continue to wait, live godly, pray, and serve Him faithfully.