

# Jesus Ascension

Our story begins with Jesus dying on the cross. Jesus was a perfect man and also 100% God. He lived on the earth for 33 years and the leaders didn't like him, so they figured out a way to have him killed even though he didn't do anything wrong.



After Jesus died on the cross, he was buried in a tomb, a cave on the side of a hill and a large stone was put in front of the tomb. Three days later some of Jesus friends came to put some spices on his body, but when they got to the tomb, the stone was rolled away and Jesus wasn't in the cave. Some thought his body was moved, or that someone had stolen his body, no body guessed Jesus was resurrected from the dead, even though Jesus told them death wasn't going to win in his life.



Over the next 70 days Jesus appeared to over 400 people, gatherings of big crowds and small. He would appear inside locked rooms and ate and drank with his favorite people. He even showed people the scars on his hands and feet, so they would know it was really him who had suffered death.



After a while Jesus was gathered with his disciples giving them instructions on what to do when he left. He told them to stay in Jerusalem till the Holy Spirit came to them. The Holy Spirit was going to help them in the mission Jesus gave them to do. And then something strange happened. After Jesus got done speaking he started to rise off the ground and be lifted up to heaven. It was amazing. Scripture

tells us that now Jesus is in heaven sitting on the right side of God in the heavenly throne room. What an incredible thing that had happened.



Shortly after Jesus went to heaven a man spoke to the disciples and asked what they were doing.



He reminded them of their new mission and reminded them to stay so that they could receive the gift that God was going to give them. The man also reminded the people that Jesus would return in the same way he left. So someday we will see Jesus again coming in the clouds to meet his followers. What a great promise.

## Digging In Questions

### Choose the best answer

1. Our God is an \_\_\_\_\_ God.
2. Name two superpowers that God has.
3. After three days in the tomb, Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ from the dead.
4. Jesus then stayed on the earth for \_\_\_\_\_ more days and met many people.
5. Jesus went into heaven by rising up into the \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Things to think about**

There are many ways to describe God, He is all-knowing, all-powerful, awesome, Creator, Lord, full of love, He conquered death and He is a provider. Which characteristics of God are you most thankful for?

Say a prayer to God, thanking him for all his different superpowers.

Answers to the Questions:

1. Unstoppable 2. Pull from the list in the "Think about" section, 3. rose 4. 70 5. clouds



The Joy of  
the Lord  
is my  
strength.

