

## 154. Jesus Ascends into Heaven, New Apostle Chosen (Acts 1:1-26)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, after Your work on earth was finished, You left and went back into heaven. But You promised You will come again soon. Please guide Your church and make us faithful to witness about You and Your resurrection. Then more people can be ready for You to come again. We pray in Your name, Amen.

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Acts 1:1-5.

- After Jesus rose alive again, what did He do for 40 days?
- What did Jesus tell the disciples to do after He went back into heaven?

Acts 1:6-11.

- What did the disciples want to know about?
- Jesus didn't answer their question because their question was not most important. Something else was more important to Jesus. What did Jesus want them to do?
- The disciples watched Jesus go up into heaven. What do you think they were thinking? Why did two angels come and talk to them?

Acts 1:12-14.

- Look back at John 21:1-3. What did the disciples do while they waited for Jesus?
- Now look again at Acts 1:12-14. Now they are waiting for the Holy Spirit to come. How did they wait now? What were they doing?

Acts 1:15-22.

- What did the Bible say would happen to Judas (in the Psalms)? Did it really happen?
- Peter made rules about who they could choose to replace Judas. What kind of man did they have to choose?
- Peter said, “He must become a witness with us.” How was the new apostle a witness?

Acts 1:23-26.

- How did the believers choose Matthias? (Note – this is the last time they did this. After the Holy Spirit came, they never did this again.)