

# Ascension Day

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## Why did Jesus return after his death?

Through their sadness, the disciples realised that Jesus had returned to them, and they were so happy. Despite having spent many hours listening to Jesus' stories, telling them of his death and resurrection, they had not really understood what he meant.

Jesus returned to them after his death, showing them that what had been said was true. For the next forty days, Jesus lived with his disciples and appeared to them at different times. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



## On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples were walking up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A huge cloud came down upon the mountain and, as the disciples watched in amazement, the cloud surrounded Jesus. He was taken up into heaven before their very eyes.

The disciples continued to look at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This is the same Jesus who has been taken into heaven”.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying, and prayed.

The disciples would receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit would help them travel the world teaching people and spreading the good news about Jesus.

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After the resurrection, it is written in the Bible that Jesus appeared many times to his disciples and followers. At first, some of them had difficulty believing it was really him. After all, they had seen him crucified and buried in a tomb, just a few days before.

## Why did Jesus return after his death?

Despite the many hours spent listening to Jesus' stories, predicting his own death and resurrection, they had not really understood what he meant. When the disciples realised that Jesus had returned to them, they were so happy.

Jesus returned, showing them that what had been predicted was true. For the next forty days, Jesus lived amongst his disciples, appearing to them at different times, and sharing meals with them. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



## On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples walked up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A great cloud came down upon the mountain, and as the disciples watched in amazement, the cloud surrounded Jesus. He was taken up to heaven before their very eyes.

The disciples continued to look eagerly at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This is the same Jesus who has been taken into heaven”.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying in and joined together in prayer.

Although the disciples did not know what to expect, they would receive the Holy Spirit a few days later. This would be known as Pentecost, and would give them the power and the ability to spread Jesus' good news around the world.

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On Easter Sunday, Christians remember that Jesus rose from the dead, the resurrection. It is a joyous occasion after the despair felt by Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

After the resurrection, it is written in the Bible that Jesus appeared many times to his disciples and followers. At first, some of them had difficulty believing it was really him. After all, they had witnessed him being crucified and buried in a tomb a few days before.

## Jesus returned

However, they gradually realised that Jesus had returned to them and they were overjoyed. Despite having followed Jesus for three years and spending many hours listening to his teaching, prophesying his own death and resurrection, they had not truly understood what he meant.

Jesus returned after his resurrection, to show that what he had said was true.

For the next forty days, Jesus lived amongst his disciples. He appeared to them at different times, talked with them, walked with them on familiar journeys and shared meals with them. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



## On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples walked up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A great cloud descended upon the mountain, and as the disciples watched in disbelief, the cloud enveloped Jesus and he was taken up before their very eyes.

They continued to look earnestly at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This is the same Jesus who has been taken into heaven”.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying, and joined together in prayer.