

## When Will Jesus Return?

### Lesson 14

## Acts 1:1-11; Matthew 24:36, 42

### Memory verse

Don't be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus. He is not here. He has risen from death as He said He would. Matthew 28:5-6

### Opener

Last week we learned that Jesus came back to life! He was alive and that is why we celebrate Easter.

### Scripture

#### Acts 1:3

After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Many people saw Him when He was alive again. He showed them that He was alive. He proved that God kept His promise.

When Jesus talked to people, He told them about God's world. Everyone listened and wanted to learn more.

#### Acts 1:8

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

### Discussion

**Ask: What did Jesus tell His disciples to do?**

He told His disciples that they must go and tell people about Him. He told them to do this first in the city where they were (Jerusalem). They were to tell about Jesus in the place where He was crucified. Then they were to go to Judea and Samaria. In these regions the people heard Jesus preach. They had seen the miracles Jesus performed. Then they were to go into the rest of the world. It really happened that way. The disciples went and told their friends in the city, and then in their area, and then to the world!

#### Acts 1:10-11

**They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."**

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**Ask: What did the disciples see when Jesus ascended into heaven?**

After Jesus said these things, He went up to Heaven. The Bible says that a cloud hid Him from their sight.

The disciples stood watching the sky when something happened! Two angels came! They asked the disciples why they were looking into the sky. They told them that Jesus would someday come back just like He went up into the sky.

**Application**

**Matthew 24:36, 42**

**No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father... Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come.**

**Ask: When will Jesus return?**

The Bible tells us that only God knows when that will be. That's why we should be ready anytime!

**Ask: Would you like to invite Jesus to be a part of your life?**

Jesus has kept every promise, so we know that he will come back one day. We can have hope and be sure that Jesus will come back one day. He promised that He would take everyone to Heaven that believes in Him.

Jesus died and rose again so that we can be with Him in Heaven if we believe in Him. You can believe in Jesus.

**Romans 10:9-10**

**That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.**

Romans 10:9-10 tell us that we need to do two things. First, we have to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord. Second, we have to believe in our heart that God has raised Him from the dead. Then we will be saved and we will have a new life.