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Jesus Goes Back to Heaven

“...as they were looking on, he was lifted up,
and a cloud took him out of their sight.”

Acts 1:9

Jesus spent forty days with His Apostles after He rose from the dead. He told them many things that they should know. Then it was time for Him to go back to God, His Father.

So He took the Apostles to the top of a mountain. “Go,” He said. “Teach everyone and baptize them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Jesus promised to be with them always even if they could not see Him. He promised to send the **Holy Spirit** to help them, too. Then Jesus rose up to Heaven. We call this the **Ascension**.

The Apostles watched and watched until they could not see Jesus anymore. Then two angels came. They said, “Someday Jesus will come again.” Jesus will come again at the end of the world.

Words to Know:

Ascension Holy Spirit

Q. 45 *What did Jesus do after His Resurrection?*
After His Resurrection, Jesus remained on earth for forty days, then He ascended to Heaven (CCC 659).


22 The Holy Spirit Comes

“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...”
Acts 2:4

For nine days, the Apostles waited for the Holy Spirit to come to them. They stayed in a house with Mary and prayed and prayed. On the tenth day something wonderful happened. The Apostles heard the sound of a great wind. And then the Holy Spirit came! This day is called **Pentecost**.

The Holy Spirit filled their souls with grace and He filled their hearts with love for God. He helped them to remember and to understand all the things Jesus had taught them. He made them very brave and strong so they could continue Jesus' work here on earth.

Now the Apostles could go out and tell all the world about Jesus, just as He asked them to do. So the Apostles went out. Peter began to teach the Good News. “Believe in Jesus, be **baptized**, and you will be saved,” Peter said.



Many people believed Peter's words, and about three thousand were baptized that very day. Already the Church was beginning to grow.

The Holy Spirit is alive in the Church today. He helps the Pope and the bishops to teach the truth about God. He helps us to love one another and become holy.

Words to Know:

baptized

Pentecost

Q. 46 *What happened on Pentecost?*

On Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came to Mary and the Apostles (CCC 731; Acts 2:1–4).

Q. 47 *What did the Holy Spirit do for the Apostles?*

The Holy Spirit gave grace to the Apostles, and the courage to continue Jesus' work (CCC 737, 739).