



The Ascension of Our Lord

Lesson Objectives

- ✘ To re-call significant events which happened after the resurrection.
- ✘ To consider our own reactions to unusual events.
- ✘ Evaluate the importance of the Ascension for Christians today

Key Words

Ascend – to go up

Commission – to be given an important job

Doubt – to having difficulty believing

Faith – to believe without proof

Doubting Thomas

24 Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails, and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in his side, I will not believe." 26 Eight days later, his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. The doors were shut, but Jesus came and stood among them, and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (John 20: 24-29)



Your Thoughts

- Why do you think Thomas needed proof?
- How do you think Thomas felt when he realised Jesus had risen from the dead?

Scripture Puzzle

Look at the slips of paper you have been give and try to put them together in the correct order

The Ascension

Then the disciples gathered around Jesus and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “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.” *Acts of the Apostles 1:6-11*



More Thoughts

Levelled assessment – how do you think the disciples felt? (happy? Confused? Scared?)

Level 4 – use key words – e.g. faith, doubt,

Level 5- explain your emotions

Level 6 – Compare it to your feelings at the crucifixion?

1. What if Jesus had just ascended into Heaven with only St Peter as the witness?
2. What if Jesus had not ascended into heaven?

And finally...

What 3 questions would you like to ask the disciples about these events?

What have you learned today?