

**TITLE AND NUMBER:** 28. Ascension

**REFERENCE AND KEY VERSE(S):** Luke 24:50-53



When Jesus had led them (the disciples) out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While Jesus was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. Then they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple worshipping God.

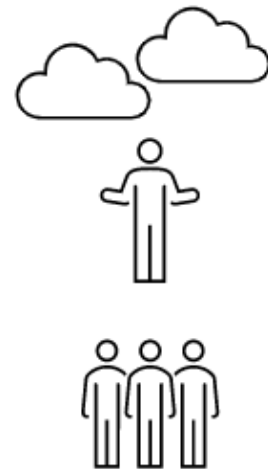
**LOOKING FURTHER:** Acts 1:1-11, John 12:1-11

### What does this Bible passage tell us?

Since Easter, we have been remembering and celebrating that Jesus has been raised from the dead. Today, we read of His last meeting on earth with His disciples and His Ascension to Heaven. Jesus leads the disciples to the town of Bethany where He had brought His friend Lazarus back to life. Bethany was also where Jesus had been anointed with perfume prior to His suffering and crucifixion, and had begun His last journey into Jerusalem.

Jesus blessed the disciples and returned to God His Father in Heaven. The disciples were filled with great joy and worshipped God.

Jesus prays for us and brings us blessing. Jesus is no longer confined to space or time - He meets with us anywhere. Now and for all time, He has opened the way to life in all its richness. He gives us hope and invites us to know that we are deeply loved. Through the Holy Spirit, we are given the gift of joy - a joy that comes from knowing that God's great love for us never fails.



#### A Blessing:

May the Risen and Ascended Jesus be with you  
to uplift, inspire and guide you,  
filling you with joy, hope and peace  
by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### Reflections:

- The town of Bethany was a significant place for the disciples. Are there any places which have helped you in your Christian journey? How?
- What helps you to worship God?
- Jesus prays for us and brings us blessing. What does this mean for you?
- Try reading the blessing again and use it in your prayers this week.

Write or draw something you read in this Bible Study that stood out to you.



Do you have any questions about this week's Bible Study?



How does this week's message apply to your life?



What can we learn about God from this week's passage?



What would you like to ask God this week?



Has God responded to your prayers this week in the way you had hoped for? It's okay to talk to God about this.

