

The Gospel is For All



Lesson 1

Waiting for the Holy Spirit

Theme: Faith — Jesus as the Son of God

Memory Verses

“Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, ‘Brethren, what shall we do?’ And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 2:37-38

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Luke 24:1-12
- 2 Luke 24:36-53
- 3 Acts 1:1-11
- 4 Acts 1:12-20
- 5 Acts 1:21-26

Jesus left heaven and came to earth as a man. Jesus’ life on earth was not easy, but He was willing to come here to save people from sin. Jesus did His Father’s will in every way. After He died on the cross, God raised Him from the dead. Not long after He was raised from the dead, Jesus returned to heaven. He went back home!

Luke 24:1-12

Match the following:

Two men in dazzling clothes

reported to the apostles

Women

ran to the tomb

Apostles

explained Jesus had been raised from the dead

Peter

thought the women’s report was crazy





Jesus Teaches the Apostles

Jesus spent time with the apostles for forty days after His resurrection. These men would take Jesus' message into the world. During his life on earth, Jesus stayed in and around Palestine. His men, however, were to take the gospel to all people everywhere. Before Jesus returned to heaven, He talked with His men about some important things.

He helped the apostles understand more about who He was and what happened when He died on the cross. God worked long and hard to save people from sin. In the Old Testament, God kept telling Israel about One who would come to be the Savior. This was God's Son Jesus. Don't forget the Old Testament tells us that Jesus is coming!

Jesus also talked with the apostles about the kingdom of God. God's kingdom

Luke 24:36-53

Cross out the wrong answer.

The apostles needed to tell people:

- the Old Testament teaches about Jesus
- Jesus was raised
- salvation was only for Jews
- Jesus died for them

is people who are saved through Jesus and who allow God to rule their lives. The apostles would preach the gospel so people could be a part of the kingdom of God.



Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was with his apostles after His resurrection for:

3 days and 3 nights

10 days

40 days

Jesus said the apostles would be His witnesses in:

all nations

only Jerusalem

only in Judea and Samaria

Match the following:

Holy Spirit

stood by them

Two men in white

gazed up in the sky

Apostles

ascended in a cloud

Jesus

would come upon them

Jesus Sends the Apostles into the World

Jesus told His apostles to take this good news to all: "Go and make apostles of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20). Jesus said

He would send the Holy Spirit to the apostles in a special way to help them in this important work. The Holy Spirit would give the apostles power to show people their message was from God and not from themselves. The men were to wait in Jerusalem until the Spirit came. Then they were to take the gospel to all, first in Jerusalem, then in Judea and Samaria, then everywhere.

Acts 1:12-20

Judas died by:

- illness
- murder
- suicide



Going Home

After spending forty days with His men preparing them for their work, Jesus took them east of Jerusalem to Bethany. He prayed that God would be with them in the work they would do. Suddenly, Jesus started going upward into the sky. A cloud came around Him and took Him out of sight. The apostles stood looking up into the sky for a long time. The men knew they would not see Jesus on earth

again, so they watched Him as long as they could. This event is called Jesus' "ascension" because He ascended, or went upward, into heaven. Two messengers sent from God told the apostles that Jesus would come again in just the same way they watched Him

go into heaven. In the meantime, they had work to do!

As Jesus instructed, the apostles waited in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came. While they waited, the men joined with other followers of Jesus and prayed

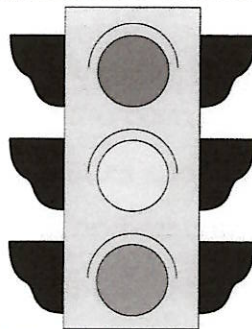
about who would replace Judas as an apostle. God chose Matthias. Once again, Jesus had twelve apostles who were about to take the gospel to all.

Acts 1:21-26

_____ chose _____ to be an apostle to replace Judas.



All of my friends
know I love God.



Put an X in the light
that best describes you.

Red — usually not

Yellow — sometimes

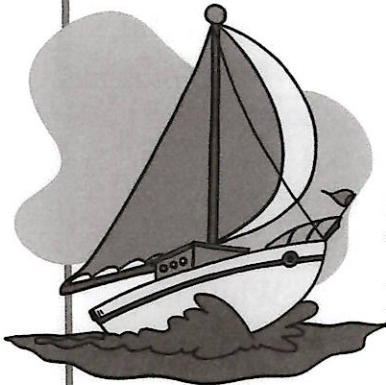
Green — all the time

Think About It ...

Tony had a hard time believing that Jesus was raised from the dead. Put a check (✓) by facts from the Bible that will help Tony believe:



- Many people saw Jesus after He was raised.
- Only three people saw Jesus after He was raised.
- People saw Jesus' disciples steal his dead body.
- Women went to Jesus' tomb and found it empty.
- Jesus' followers were changed men after He was raised.
- A Roman soldier knew Jesus died and said He was God's Son.



Sailing Through the Bible Facts

Recite the books of the Bible from memory.

What is the last book of the Bible about?

On a map inside the back cover, find the city of Damascus.