



Introduction

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus promises his followers special powers to help them witness for him.



Questions

1. What did Jesus spend forty days teaching the disciples about?
2. What promise did the angels give the disciples, when Jesus was taken up?
3. What were the necessary qualifications for a disciple to replace Judas as one of the twelve?



The Mount of Olives, outside Jerusalem - where Jesus ascended to heaven (v 12).



Summary Points

- **v 1 to 5** Over a 40 day period Jesus proves to the apostles he has risen from the dead. He talks to them about the Kingdom of God and promises them special Holy Spirit powers
- **v 6 to 11** Jesus tells his disciples that God will decide when to restore the kingdom to Israel and that they are now to be his witnesses. They see the ascension of Jesus into heaven and are promised by angels that he will return to the earth
- **v 12 to 26** The disciples meet regularly and decide that a replacement for Judas Iscariot is needed. After asking the Lord's guidance Matthias is chosen

Timeline AD 60 (see below)



Theme

Jesus ascended to heaven

A selection of verses showing that Jesus ascended to heaven.

Mark simply records that Jesus ascends to heaven after his resurrection:

Mark 16 verse 19

Luke gives more detail in his record of the Acts of the Apostles where he describes what happens:

Acts 1 verses 9 to 11

When Stephen is killed he is granted a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand, confirming that Jesus has ascended to heaven:

Acts 7 verse 55

The letter to the Hebrews makes it clear that Jesus is in heaven:

Hebrews 9 verse 24

Peter says of Jesus:

1 Peter 3 verse 22



? Answers to questions

Verse which answer the questions:

Q 1: v 3, Q 2: v 11, Q 3: v 21 and 22

Bible timeline

