

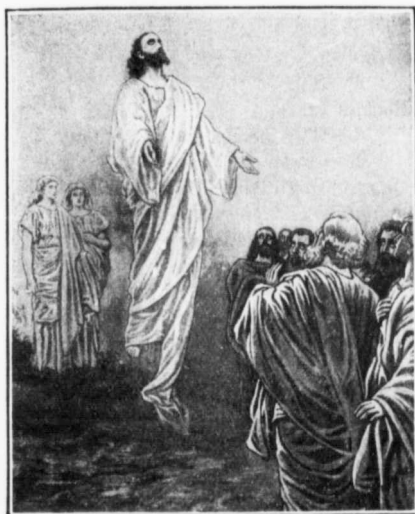
Lesson I.

THE ASCENDING LORD

January 2, 1916

Acts 1 : 1-14. *Scripture Memory Verses, Ex. 2 : 1-10.

Golden Text—When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.—Ephesians 4 : 8 (Rev. Ver.).



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James, and John, and An'drew, Phil'ip, and Thom'as, Barthol'omew, and Matth'ew, James the son of Alph'e'us, and Si'mon Zelo'tes, and Ju'das the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mar'y the mother of Je'sus, and with his brethren.

1 The former treatise have I made, O Theop'ulus, of all that Je'sus began both to do and teach,

2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen :

3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God :

4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jeru'salem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

5 For John truly baptized with water ; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel ?

7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost, is come upon you : and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jeru'salem, and in all Jude'a, and in Samar'ia, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up ; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel :

11 Which also said, Ye men of Gal'ilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven ? this same Je'sus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

12 Then returned they unto Jeru'salem from the mount called Ol'ivet, which is from Jeru'salem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Pe'ter, and

THE LESSON RETOLD

For a whole year we have had wonderful stories about God's people long ago, before Jesus came to earth, and now our stories are to be about some of Jesus' helpers. Amongst the helpers were twelve men called disciples, that is, learners, a name given to all the followers of Jesus, or apostles, that is, messengers. Jesus taught these men carefully day by day while He was on earth, so that they might carry on His work on earth after God should have taken Him back to heaven.

Most of the stories we are going to hear were written by Luke, a doctor, who had become a friend of Jesus. You all remember the sad, sad story about Jesus' death on the cross. But Jesus did not stay dead. We have all heard the story of the glad Easter morning on which Jesus rose from the grave, and how

He met and talked with His friends, who could hardly believe it was their own beloved master alive once more. Jesus stayed on the earth forty days, and His friends saw Him ten times.

Jesus' disciples had met in a home in Jeru'salem to talk about the wonderful things which had been happening. Two friends came in saying, that as they walked along a country road, Jesus had met and talked with them, and had gone home and eaten supper with them. While they were telling this, suddenly Jesus Himself stood in the room, saying, "Peace be unto you." The disciples gathered around Him wondering. "Can it really be our Jesus?" they whisper to one another. He showed them His hands and His feet, with the nail marks from the

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