

## Lesson XII.

## JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN

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Luke 24 : 36-53—Memory Verses, 46-48.

**Golden Text**—While he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.—Luke 24 : 51.



## THE LESSON RETOLD

The same night in which Jesus rose from the dead, the disciples were sitting at supper in an upstairs room. They were talking about the wonderful news which the women had told them, when suddenly, although the door was locked, they saw Jesus Himself standing in the middle of the room. The disciples were afraid, for they thought Jesus was a spirit; but He spoke gently to them and said, "Why are you afraid? Look at the marks in My hands and feet which the nails made, and see that it is really Myself." Then the disciples, although filled with joy and surprise, could still scarcely believe that it was Jesus, until He said, "Give me something to eat." And when they saw Him eat some of the boiled fish and honeycomb which they were eating themselves, they

believed that, although they had seen Him die on the cross, He was really alive again.

While they were at supper, Jesus talked to them about all the things that Moses and the prophets had said about Him hundreds of years before, and how God had planned even as long ago as that, that His Son would come down to earth and suffer and die, so that His people need not be punished for their sins—for He would be punished instead of them. But still, if they wished their sins forgiven, they must be sorry and turn away from them, and love, and believe in, Him. Then Jesus told His disciples that they were to wait at Jerusalem till God sent His Holy Spirit to help them, when they were to begin to tell the people in Jerusalem how He had come to save the world; and afterwards they were to go to other cities and countries, so that every one might hear their good news.

Soon after, Jesus led them all out to a high hill near Bethany, and while He was blessing them, suddenly He was lifted away from them and carried up into heaven.

Then the disciples went back to the city, and while they waited for the Holy Spirit to come upon them, they went every day to the temple, where they thanked and praised God for His goodness in sending His Son to save the world.

## Questions on the Lesson

1. Who appeared to the disciples in an upper room? 2. Why were they afraid?
3. What did Jesus say to them? 4. What did He ask them for? 5. What did He talk to them about? 6. What did Jesus say people must do, who wished their sins forgiven? 7. Why did Jesus tell the disciples to wait at Jerusalem? 8. What were they to do afterwards? 9. Where did Jesus take them? 10. What happened on the hill?
11. What did the disciples do on their return? 12. What is the Golden Text?

## Lesson Hymn

Lord, make me, from this hour,  
Thy loving child to be,  
Kept by Thy power,  
Kept by Thy power  
From all that grieveth Thee :

Till in the snow-white dress  
Of Thy redeemed I stand,  
Faultless and stainless,  
Faultless and stainless,  
Safe in that happy land. Amen.  
—Hymn 587, Book of Praise