

He Himself was taken from them ; and He promised them that through the power of this Holy Spirit they would be able to set up the true kingdom of Christ not only in Jerusalem, but in Judæa and in Samaria, and in every part of the world.

Then Jesus told His disciples not to begin their work of preaching and teaching until the Holy Spirit came, but to stay where they were in Jerusalem until the Spirit should be sent upon them.

While they were talking together, Jesus got up and walked with His disciples out to the Mount of Olives. It was here He must say good-by. As He lifted up His hands to bless them, the disciples saw His body begin to rise upwards towards the sky. Soon a cloud hid Him from sight, and the disciples stood straining their eyes upwards to catch another sight of Him ; but He was gone.

Suddenly they noticed two angels standing beside them who said, " Why are you standing here with your eyes fixed on the sky ? Your Master will some day come again in

the same way as you have just seen Him go."

Then the apostles were glad, and went back to Jerusalem and spent their time watching for the Spirit and in prayer, many other friends of Jesus joining with them.

### Questions on the Lesson

1. Who wrote the book of the Acts? 2. What is it about? 3. What is a disciple? 4. An apostle? 5. Had Jesus told the disciples He would go away? 6. Did they understand? 7. What did they think He would do? 8. Whom did He promise to send them? 9. What work was the Holy Spirit to help them to do? 10. Where did Jesus tell the disciples to wait until the Holy Spirit came? 11. Where were they when Jesus said good-by? 12. How did He go back into heaven? 13. Who spoke to the disciples as they stood gazing into the sky? 14. What did the angels say? 15. How did the friends of Jesus feel when they heard He should come again? 16. Where did they go? 17. How did they spend their time? 18. What is the Golden Text?

### THE OLD WOMAN'S STRAWBERRY PLANT

A city missionary visited a poor old woman living alone in an attic up many flights of stairs. A bare and lonely place it was, with only a few bits of dilapidated furniture, for the scanty pittance she had to look to for support was scarcely enough to keep her from starvation.

The missionary observed in a broken teapot that stood at the window a strawberry plant growing. He remarked from time to time how it continued to grow, and with what care it was watched and tended.

So, one day he said to the old woman, " Your plant flourishes nicely ; you will soon have strawberries upon it."

" Oh, sir," she replied, " it is not for the sake of the fruit that I prize it ; but I am too poor to keep any living creature about me, and it is a great comfort to me to have that living plant, for I know it can only live by the power of God ; and as I see it live and grow from day to day, it tells me God is near, and this fills my heart with sunshine and joy."



I HAVE LEARNED  
TO-DAY THAT

## Christ's Promises are Sure



**Primary Catechism**—65. What do we mean by the Ten Commandments? The Ten Commandments are God's holy law.

**Shorter Catechism**—1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

### Lesson Hymn

Holy Spirit prompt us  
When we kneel to pray ;  
Nearer come, and teach us  
What we ought to say.

Amen.

—Hymn 551, Book of Praise