

May 16, 2021
Ascension Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

1:1 In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning
1:2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy
Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

1:3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing
to them for forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 1:4 While staying with them, he
ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he
said, "is what you have heard from me; 1:5 for John baptized with water, but you will be
baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 1:6 So when they had come together,
they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 1:7 He
replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own
authority. 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will
be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 1:9 When
he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their
sight. 1:10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in
white robes stood by them. 1:11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up
toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the
same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Luke 24:44-53

24:44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--
that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be
fulfilled." 24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 24:46 and he said to
them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third
day, 24:47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all
nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 24:48 You are witnesses of these things. 24:49 And see, I
am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been
clothed with power from on high."

24:50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 24:51
While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 24:52
And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 24:53 and they were
continually in the temple blessing God.