

The Commission and Ascension

Resurrected Jesus Give the Mission



Matthew 28

Mark 16

Luke 24

John 20 - 21

Acts 1

Lesson 22: The Commission and Ascension

The Price of Sin Has Been Paid

BIBLE

Book	Chapters	Author	Date
Matthew	28	Matthew	50s or 60s
Acts	1	Luke	

SUMMARY

After rising from the dead, Jesus appeared to His followers, offering peace, proof, and purpose. He commissioned them to spread the message of salvation and ascended into heaven, promising the power of the Holy Spirit and His return.

NOTES

Jesus Appears: Reassurance and Revelation

- Jesus appears to His disciples, offering peace and proof of His resurrection by showing his wounds - Luke 24:36-40
- He addresses doubt, especially Thomas, inviting him to touch and believe - John 20:24-29
- Jesus explains how His death and resurrection fulfil Scripture; what they couldn't see before, they now see - Luke 24:44-46
- He breathes on them and gives them the Holy Spirit - the new birth - John 20:22

The Commission: Purpose and Sending

- Jesus commands His followers to go and make disciples of all nations - Matthew 28:19-20
- He sends them with authority and the promise of His continue presence.
- He instructs them to preach repentance and forgiveness in His name - Luke 24:47-48
- He give them a mission to be His witnesses, starting locally and expanding globally - Acts 1:8

The Promise: Power from the Holy Spirit

- Jesus tells the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit - Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4
- He promises they will receive power to carry out their mission - Acts 1:8
- The Spirit will equip them to speak boldly and live faithfully.

The Ascension: Hope and Expectation

- Jesus blesses His disciples and ascends into heaven before their eyes - Luke 24:50-51; Acts 1:9
- Angels appear and promise that Jesus will return in the same way - Acts 1:10-11
- The disciples respond with worship and joy, not despair - Luke 24:52-53

The ascension marks the end of Jesus' earthly ministry and the beginning of theirs.

KEY POINTS

1. Jesus address the doubts of his followers and gives them purpose - to make disciples and proclaim forgiveness
2. Jesus assures them that they will not be alone, but that the Spirit will empower them as they go.
3. At this point we transition into a season where the followers of Jesus continue his mission on earth.