

## Jesus Christ Goes Back to Heaven

For forty days Jesus spoke to His disciples. He told them that God would give them wonderful strength to teach people and also to heal people. Jesus forgave them for the bad things they had done. He told them that they would have to go to all the people of the world and tell them the good news about Jesus Christ. He also said that He would soon go back to heaven. The disciples were to remain all together in Jerusalem and wait there for the Comforter whom God promised to send them.

For the last time Jesus came to see His disciples. It was forty days after He had risen from the dead. He took His disciples to a hill that was called the Mount of Olives. His mother was also with them.

When Jesus finished speaking to them, He blessed them. While He was blessing them, He stepped aside and began to rise into the sky, higher and higher until a cloud hid Him from the eyes of the disciples.

While they were still standing there, looking up into the sky, two angels in shining robes appeared before them. The angels said to the disciples: "Why do you stand, looking up to heaven? This Jesus who has been taken from you, shall come again from heaven to earth, just like you have seen Him go from earth to heaven."

Then they all returned to Jerusalem. They stayed there together, thanking God for all that had happened and waiting for the Comforter, whom Jesus had promised to send them.