



So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

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.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away.

When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.



**Based on Acts 1: 6-14
(Come and See)**

Think about the answers to these questions, discuss the answers with someone at home.

Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus about restoring the kingdom? (Hint; it seems as if the disciples still had not understood that Jesus' kingdom was not an earthly one, but the kingdom of the heart.)

What do you think they meant and what does it show about their understanding?

Find out about the meaning of the word 'Ascension' and discuss it.

What do you think the power of the Holy Spirit would enable them to do?

How do you think the disciples spent their time between the Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit who would give them the power to be witnesses to the ends of the earth?

Task

Write a conversation which took place among the people in that upper room.

Include any reference they would have made to the scriptures and the saying of Jesus. (Do not forget that the Gospels have not yet been written but they would be very familiar with the words of Jesus.)

Include how they would describe their own beliefs, feelings and experiences and how would they have made links between them?

Extra activity - Research what, how and why the Jewish people celebrate the festival of Pentecost or Shavuot today. Explain how it influences their lives.