

Hope and Wellbeing

The disciples loved Jesus as an intimate friend. They recognized him as the Messiah, and were filled with fear and confusion when he was arrested. Afterwards, he was subjected to interrogation, to different punishments, and finally crucified. On Friday afternoon, Jesus died on the cross and was buried. The disciples were very sad and scared because they didn't know what would happen next. On the third day after he died, they discovered that his tomb was empty. That filled them with excitement and joy. Then Jesus appeared to them several times, talking to them about many topics to help them understand who He was and what would happen in the future.

Read Acts 1:4-8. What promise did Jesus make to his disciples? How would God help them after Jesus had gone to heaven?

Now read Acts 1:9-11. What promise did the angels make to the disciples when Jesus ascended to heaven?

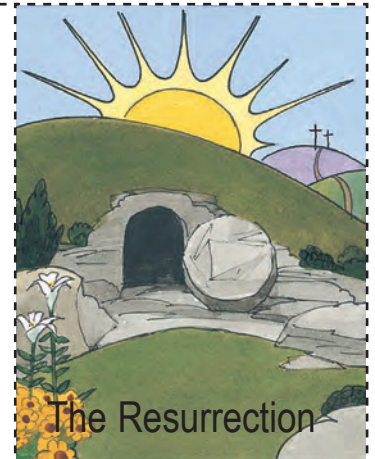
How do you think the disciples felt about what the angels said? We were not there when Jesus ascended to heaven, so we just can't imagine how they must have felt. It is possible that we may be alive when Christ returns. Read Matthew 25:31-45 and 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.



A period of
three years

A Sad Night

A Dark Day



The Resurrection

How do you feel when you think that