

Jesus' "ascension" in Luke and Acts

LUKE 24.49-53

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

ACTS 1.4, 8-12

While staying with them, **he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem**, but to **wait there for the promise of the Father**.... 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." 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 the sky, **suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.** They said, "Men of Galilee, **why do you stand looking up toward the sky?** This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into the sky, will come in the same way as you saw him go into the sky." **Then they returned to Jerusalem** from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away.

LUKE 24.4-7

While they were perplexed about this, **suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them.** The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **"Why do you look for the living among the dead?** He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Human One must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."