

# Scripture

## Luke 24:44-53 (NLT)

44 Then he said, “When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 And he said, “Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.”

**47** “It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ **48** You are witnesses of all these things.

**49** “And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

## **The Ascension**

**50** Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. **51** While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. **52** So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. **53** And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.