

# 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.