



Studying the Period Between Jesus' Resurrection, His Ascension, & The Day of Pentecost

Lesson 1

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

Online Bible Study

6:30 pm

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I. Where We Are

- A. We are in an in-between space, a transitional space, a bridge space

II. What We Know

1. Jesus was born
2. Jesus survived early attempts to kill him

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. **Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.**" ¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

Matthew 2:13-15 NIV

3. Jesus lived (33-34 years).
4. Jesus was tried and declared **innocent** by Pontius Pilate, but **the people** still called for his death and the release of a convicted criminal (Barabbas).
5. Jesus was murdered (Good Friday).
6. Jesus was resurrected (He didn't do it, God did it!).

III. What Happened Next?

1. From the Resurrection to the Ascension (40 days)
 - a. What is the Ascension?

WHAT IS THE ASCENSION?

The resurrected Jesus visibly departs the earth; to return to heaven to again be in the presence of God; to be crowned with glory, honor and authority; commencing His perpetual reign and intercession for His people to whom He has entrusted His Mission, in anticipation of His eventual return to earth to fully establish His Kingdom.

b. The Use of the Number 40 in the Bible (not exhaustive)

The Number

40

FORTY

in the Bible



Bible Occurrences

- The rain fell upon the earth **forty** days and **forty** nights
- God said He would spare Sodom for the sake of **forty** righteous
- **Forty** days were required for embalming in Egypt
- Moses was on the mountain **forty** days and **forty** nights (twice)
- Israel spied out the land of Canaan for **forty** days
- Israel wandered in the wilderness for **forty** years
- Aaron died in the **fortieth** year after the people of Israel came out of Egypt
- Judges could impose no more than **forty** stripes on a guilty person
- When Othniel judged Israel the land had rest **forty** years
- When Deborah judged Israel the land had rest for **forty** years
- In the days of Gideon, the land of Israel had rest **forty** years
- The LORD gave Israel into the hand of the Philistines for **forty** years
- Eli judged Israel **forty** years
- Goliath, the Philistine, taunted Israel for **forty** days
- King David reigned **forty** years
- The nave of Solomon's temple, to the inner sanctuary, was **forty** cubits long
- Hiram, from Tyre, made ten basins of bronze - each basin held **forty** baths
- King Solomon reigned over all Israel **forty** years
- Elijah ate and drank food from an angel and went **forty** days and nights on it
- King Jehoash reigned **forty** years in Jerusalem
- Ezekiel laid on his right side **forty** days, for the iniquity of Judah
- The LORD declared Egypt would be uninhabited and desolate **forty** years
- The nave of Ezekiel's temple, to the inner sanctuary, measured **forty** cubits long
- Ezekiel's temple had smaller courts within the outer court, each **forty** cubits long
- Jonah warned that Nineveh would be overthrown in **forty** days
- Jesus fasted **forty** days and **forty** nights in the wilderness
- Jesus appeared to the apostles, during **forty** days, after he rose from the dead
- Moses was **forty** years old when he struck down the Egyptian
- Moses encountered the burning bush **forty** years after fleeing from Egypt
- When Israel asked for a king God gave them Saul for **forty** years

References

Genesis 7:12
Genesis 18:29
Genesis 50:3
Exodus 24:18, 34:28
Numbers 13:25
Numbers 14:34
Numbers 33:38
Deuteronomy 25:3
Judges 3:11
Judges 5:31
Judges 8:28
Judges 13:1
1 Samuel 4:18
1 Samuel 17:16
2 Samuel 5:4
1 Kings 6:17
1 Kings 7:38
1 Kings 11:42
1 Kings 19:8
2 Kings 12:1
Ezekiel 4:6
Ezekiel 29:11
Ezekiel 41:2
Ezekiel 46:22
Jonah 3:4
Matthew 4:2
Acts 1:3
Acts 7:23-24
Acts 7:30
Acts 13:21

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2. From the Ascension to the Day of Pentecost aka Feast of Weeks (10 days)
 - a. Pentecost – **“50th Day”**
 - b. We are Pentecostal!



IV. Several Things

1. Jesus appeared to his disciples. (broad meaning)
2. Jesus appeared to his friends
3. Jesus confirmed his resurrection
4. Jesus taught and ministered
5. Jesus prepared his disciples for the coming of the Holy Spirit **“to the church.”**
 - a. The Holy Spirit was already present in the world.
 - b. The Holy Spirit had already been given to the disciples.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²² **And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.”** ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

John 20:19-23 NIV

- c. Jesus fulfilled his earlier promise that a **“specific manifestation”** of the Holy Spirit would occur.

¹⁵ “If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, **because it neither sees him nor knows him.** But you know him, for he lives

with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.” ²² **Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”** ²³ Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. ²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ **But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.** ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. ²⁸ “You heard me say, ‘I am going away and I am coming back to you.’ If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. ²⁹ I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. ³⁰ I will not say much more to you, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold over me, ³¹ but he comes so that the world may learn that I love the Father and do exactly what my Father has commanded me. “Come now; let us leave.

John 14:15-31 NIV

d. **Jesus prepared his disciples for their future mission which was what?**

- This is why they needed the Holy Spirit!

¹⁹ After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰ Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Mark 16:19-20 NIV

⁵⁰ When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Luke 24:50-53 NIV

¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of

the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:16-20 NIV

V. Next Week – “The Glorified Body of Jesus Christ”

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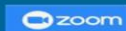
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