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In the name of the
Father, and the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, one God.
Amen.



Begin with the Lord's prayer

Our Lord and Savior, our King and God, we thank you for gathering us here to stand before you to call on your Holy Name.

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Our God open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds that we may hear Your Word, keep it in our hearts and tell our friends about your glory and honor.

Bless all the children and keep them safe. Hear us when we humbly and thankfully pray to you.

Our Father, who art in heaven

Hallowed be thy name,

Thy kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

And forgive us our trespasses

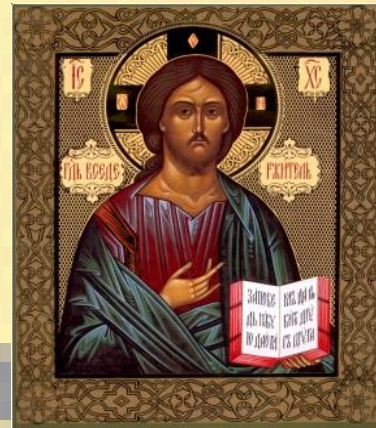
As we forgive those who trespass against us

And lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from the evil one

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the

Glory. Forever, Amen.



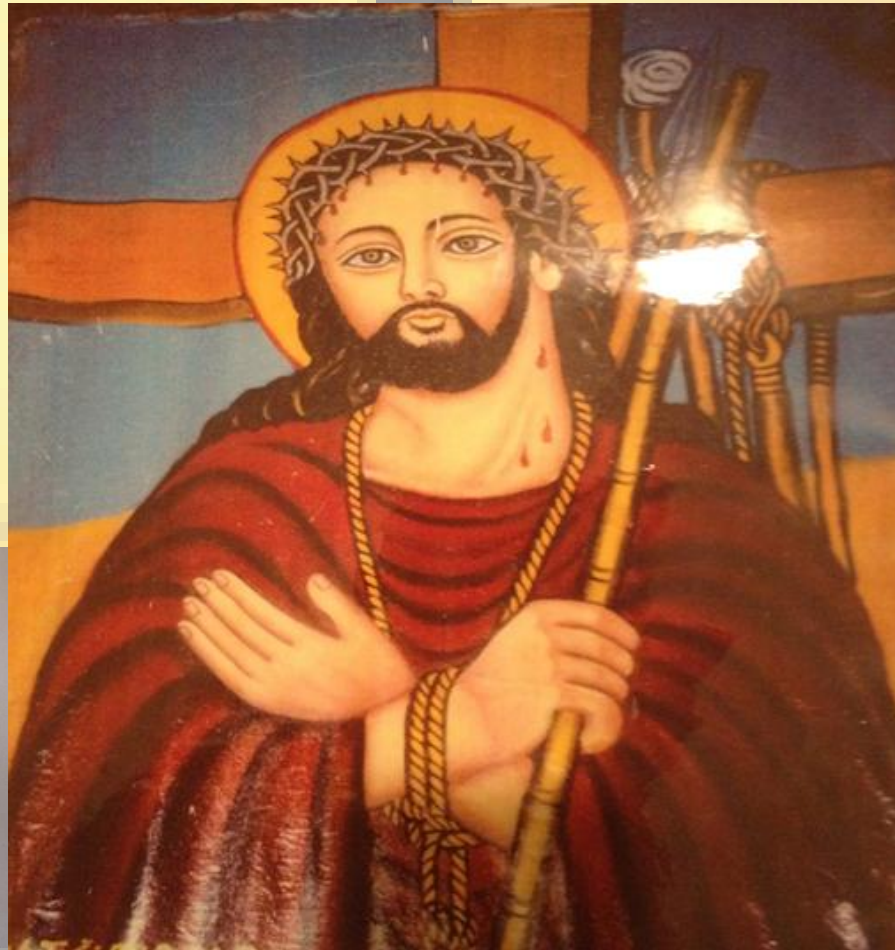
O our Lady, as St. Gabriel greeted you, “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” True Virgin in conscience as well as body, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

Holy Mary, the God-bearer, pray that your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, may forgive us our sins. Amen.



Say The Jesus Prayer 3 times

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
have mercy on me, a sinner.**

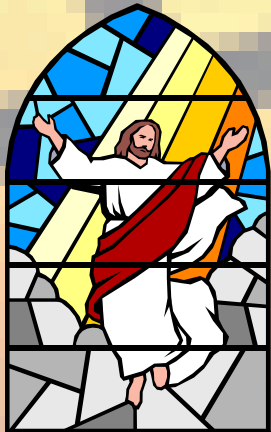


MEMORY VERSE

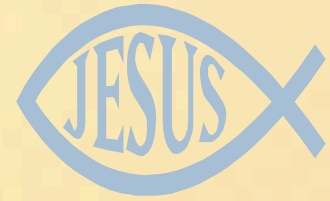
**Can anyone tell me
last week's
memory verse???**

Recite Last week's memory verse

**“Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”
(John 20: 27)**






Review



- 1) When did Jesus rise from the dead?
- 2) Who told the women who came to the tomb that Jesus was risen? Angel of the Lord
- 3) Who did Jesus appear to in a closed room?
- 4) Who was not present when He appeared to the disciples for the first time?
- 5) What did Jesus say to Thomas when He appeared to the disciples the 2nd time?

Class Covenant

I will keep my  on my teacher,
my  in control,
my s on God's Word;
knowing God is my goal.

Ascension of Jesus Christ our Lord



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Memorize today's Verse

“A cloud received Him out of their sight”.

(Acts 1:9)



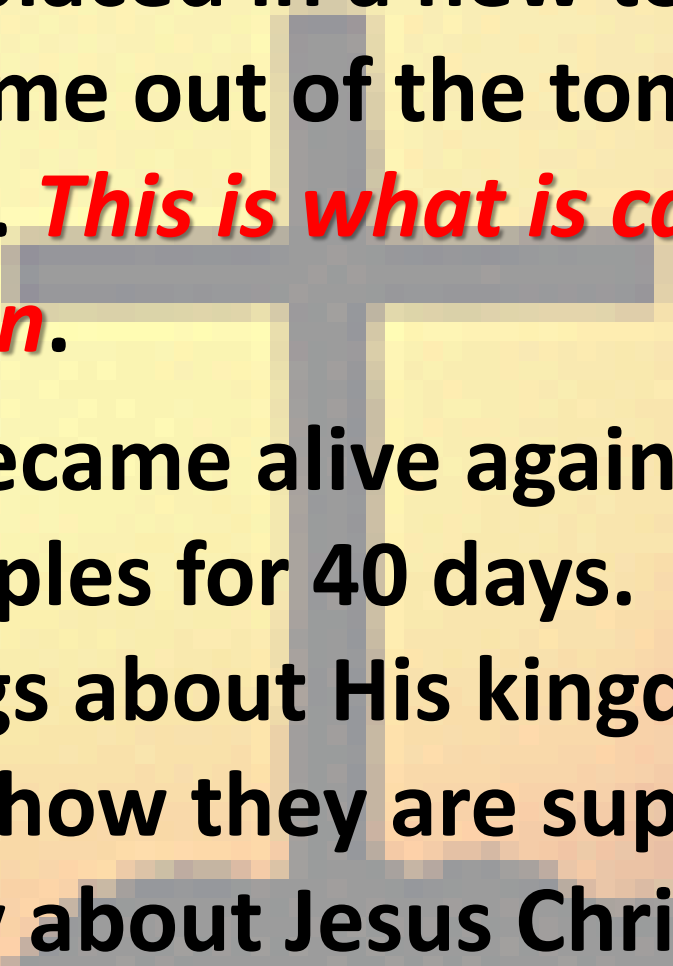
**Practice this verse
again during the
week.**



Introduction:

What is the meaning of Ascension?

Ascension means to rise or be lifted up. Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday and Forty days later, He rose up through the clouds. He ascended to His throne in heaven.

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- After Jesus Christ died on the cross, His body was placed in a new tomb but after 3 days He came out of the tomb and was alive again. ***This is what is called resurrection.***
 - After He became alive again-He appeared to His disciples for 40 days. He told them many things about His kingdom in heaven and about how they are supposed to tell every body about Jesus Christ.

- At the end of the forty days and as He was speaking to them, He started to rise up...up...up gradually to heaven. He was spreading His hands to bless them when He started to ascend. *He finally disappeared in the clouds* very... very high in the sky.
- The disciples were still staring at the clouds where Jesus Christ disappeared. They were amazed with what they were seeing. They could not believe their eyes. They continued looking to the clouds for a long time.

- So two angels appeared to them from heaven ***in white cloth*** and told them: “Why do you stand gazing up into heaven?”
- This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven” (Acts 1:11).
- Yet, ***nobody knows when He will come again.***

- So, all the disciples went back together to the House of St. Mark. They stayed there with St. Mary and some women and were praying all the time.
- They did not leave because Jesus Christ told them to **wait until they get power from the Heaven.**

- **Jesus promised to send to His followers The Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. When the Holy Spirit is with us, it is as if Jesus is with us, even though we cannot see Him.**



Conclusion

- Jesus Christ went up to heaven after forty days from Easter and we are waiting for Him to come again on the clouds like the angels said. *Meanwhile, we stay together, pray together and love each other till Jesus comes again.*

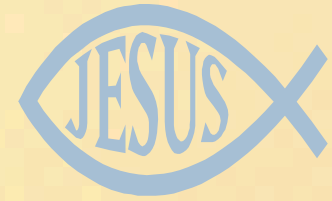


Movie Clip

Show a short movie clip about the story, if available.



Pop Quiz



Who ascended to the heaven?

What does ascension mean?

How many days did Jesus spend with the disciples after Easter?

What was Jesus doing when He ascended?

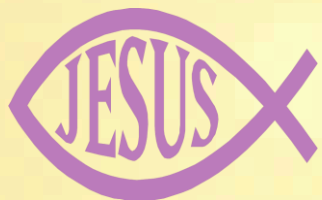
How many angels appeared to the disciples?

What did the angels tell the disciples?

The End

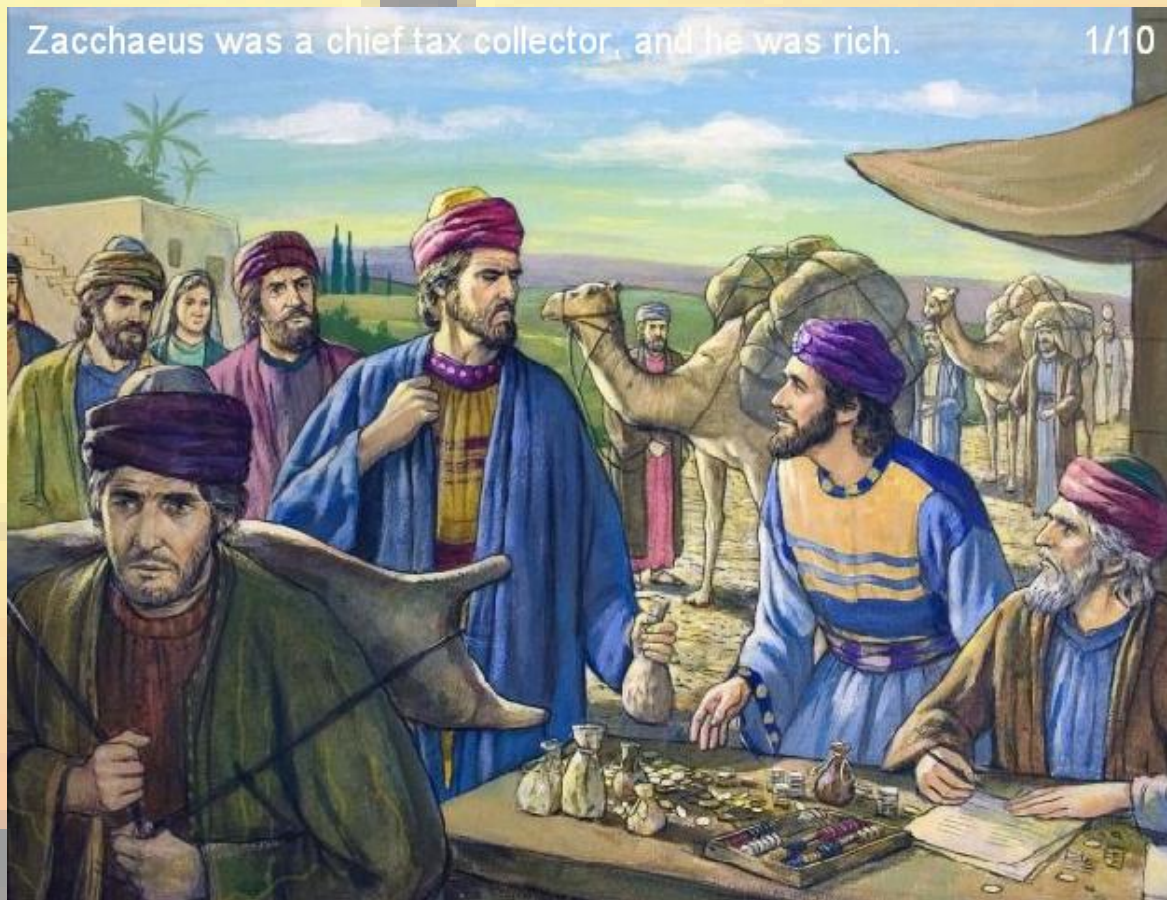
Next Week

We will learn about
Zacchaeus.



Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

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May the love of God the **Father** and the
grace of our Lord **Jesus Christ** and the
fellowship of the **Holy Spirit** be with you.

All: And with your Spirit.

Through the prayers of our holy Fathers,
Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy
on us and save us. Amen.

3 things we all can do to strengthen our relationship with God

1. Read the Holy Bible daily preferably when we get up in the morning. 5 minutes to start.
2. Partake Holy Communion regularly.
3. Remember God throughout the day. We can repeat short prayer such as “Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on me.”

JESUS CHRIST

- “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12)





We are one in Christ



*“And you shall know
the truth, and the
truth shall make you
free.” John 8:32*

Any question?

Close with prayer.

