



Claims Jesus Made

“I Am Preparing a Place for You & I Am Coming Again!”

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John 20 and 21 tell us the rest of the story. Jesus died, was buried and rose from the dead. That was just the beginning! Today we will hear about Jesus' desire for us to be with Him and how He has gone ahead to prepare a place for us. No more good-byes!

Read Acts 1:3-11 (CEV)

1. For _____ days after Jesus had suffered and died, he proved in many ways that he had been raised from death. (verse 3)
2. What did Jesus do after he was raised from the dead? (verse 3)

3. What specific commands did Jesus give the apostles? (verse 4)

4. What did Jesus promise to give the apostles? (verse 4) _____
5. What job did Jesus assign the apostles? (verse 8) _____
6. How would the apostles be able to carry out the task Jesus gave them? (verse 8)

7. After speaking to the apostles, what did Jesus do? (verses 9-11) _____

8. How did the apostles react to Jesus' departure? (verse 10) _____
9. What did the two men dressed in white clothes say? (verse 11) _____

10. How will Jesus return? (verse 11) _____

Understanding the Bible Passage

1. How do you think the apostles felt after Jesus died?
2. How do you think they felt when they heard the tomb was empty?
3. How do you think they felt when they saw Jesus again?
4. How do you feel when someone you love says good-bye?
5. How do you feel when they promise they will come again to visit you and be with you forever?

Soon, we will have to say good-bye. I wonder if we will ever see each other again. And, one day we will each have to say good-bye to this world, to our family and friends. Where do you think you will go after you say good-bye to this world? The Bible teaches that if we trust in Jesus, He will welcome us into heaven. There will be a royal welcome. The best part is that for those who go to heaven there will never be any more good-byes. The Bible says there will be a great feast in heaven and singing and it will be the best welcome one could ever desire. And, finally we will be able to see God, whom we have just heard about here on earth. What do you think about that?

Welcome Home



Read John 14:1-3 (CEV)

Jesus said, "Don't be worried! Have faith in _____ and have faith in _____. There are many rooms in my Father's house. I wouldn't tell you this, unless it was true. I am going there _____ . After this I will come back and _____. Then we will be together."

Understanding the Bible Passage: John 14:1-3

1. How did Jesus want his disciples to respond to his departure? _____
2. In what did Jesus want his disciples to trust? _____
3. Where did Jesus say He was going? _____
4. Why is Jesus preparing a place for us in His Father's house?

5. What did Jesus say He would do for His disciples? _____
6. What do you worry about? _____
7. What gives you comfort when you are afraid? _____
8. Why do you think it is difficult to trust God with our fears? _____
9. Jesus said He would come back for us and take us to His Father's house. What do we need to do to get ready for His return? Jesus said in John 14:1 "Have faith in God and have faith in Me." See Hebrews 11:6 for a definition of **faith**.

What does it mean to have faith in God?
