



# **The Meaning of the Resurrection**

**Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost**

# Good Friday

The body of Jesus was taken down from the cross.

It was placed in a tomb with the entrance secured with a very heavy stone.



# Sensational News



After the Sabbath, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to the tomb – it was empty!

The body of Jesus was missing!

**What did they discover?**

# The Empty Tomb



**Jesus had risen from the dead**





# Jesus appeared to many of his close friends.



Jesus appeared several times to his disciples:

- to the women at the tomb;
- to the Apostles in the Upper Room;
- to disciples on the Road to Emmaus;
- to doubting Thomas and the other disciples;
- to the Apostles on the seashore.

**Jesus showed them his wounds and allowed them to touch him.**



# What does the Resurrection of Jesus mean for us?

- Jesus conquered and sin and death.
- That gives us **hope** that when we die, God will raise us up to new life with Him in heaven.





We believe that if we try to live a good life, we will **live forever** with Jesus in the kingdom of heaven.



The **Resurrection of Jesus** means that now:

- he is always close to us,
- his Spirit is alive within us,
- he is looking after us,
- he is offering us the same new life that he has.

# The Ascension



**Jesus explained to the Apostles that he was returning to his Father.**

# Jesus bids farewell to his friends

Jesus explained to his Apostles that he would soon be returning to his Father. However, he would send **his Spirit**, the **Holy Spirit** to be with them.

He promised that the Holy Spirit would help them to remember and to understand all that he had taught them.

## Jesus' last instructions to the Apostles.



“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time” (Matt 28:18-20).



Then Jesus told the Apostles to go back to Jerusalem and to stay in the city until the Holy Spirit came to them.



**While the Apostles looked on,  
a cloud took Jesus from their sight.**

(Acts 1:9)



**Jesus ascended into Heaven**

# Pentecost

About ten days later, “when Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room. Suddenly, they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them” (Acts 2:1-3).



# Pentecost



When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven. The noise of this wind filled the entire house in which they were sitting. Something appeared to them like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

At this time there were many people in Jerusalem who came from other countries for the Jewish festival of Pentecost. This festival was held every year in memory of God giving the Law to Moses. On receiving the Holy Spirit, the apostles were so overcome with joy and filled with courage that they ran out into the streets and began to speak about Jesus. All the foreigners were astonished that they understood them in their own language. Of course, there were some sceptics around who said “Take no notice, these men are drunk.”

Peter stood up and preached with great confidence about Jesus. He reminded the people of the miracles, wonders and signs which God had worked through Jesus. Then Peter said, “This Jesus you crucified and killed... God raised him to life.” Peter urged them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus. In this way, they would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. What Peter and the other apostles said impressed the crowds so much that three thousand people were converted that first day. This was the beginning of the Church.