

Acts 1 Supplement #3

Spoken These Things: Luke records that at the conclusion of the final discourse with His disciples, these events are going to occur. We learn by reading Luke's earlier account of these events, that the Lord led the disciples out of Jerusalem, as far as Bethany (**Luke 24:50**). This will collaborate with what Luke shares with us in this study, as he will record that after the ascension of the Lord, they would return to Jerusalem (**Acts 1:12**).

Luke's earlier account also indicates that it was while the Lord was blessing His disciples that He was parted from them (**Luke 24:51**).

Note:

The ascension of the Lord, was something He had already spoke concerning prior to this event, when He instructed Mary Magdalene to go and tell His brethren, as He appeared to her resurrected from the dead, note:

John 20:17 - also read; **Mark 16:19**.

The ascension of the Lord from their presence saw Him return to His Father where He would sit at the right hand of God (the position of authority).

John 17:4-5

Two Men in White Apparel: Many years ago, I taught many of our High School aged kids the book of Acts. At this point in the text, as the Lord ascends before the disciples and they are standing there, with their jaws agape at the site; I asked the kids to close their eyes and in their minds eye, see this for themselves. In this exercise, each of us can view this event for themselves in a fashion like, and I assure you that you will never look at clouds again without thinking of this moment.

While they stood there staring at the site, two men in white apparel stood by them. The “white apparel” (sometimes referred to as shinning apparel also) is an identifier that sets these men apart from the norm and establishes them as angels (**Matthew 28:3; Mark 16:5; Luke 24:4; John 20:12; Acts 10:30**).

Come in Like Manner: **Isaiah 19:1; Jeremiah 4:13-14; Ezekiel 30:3-4, 18; 32:7; Joel 2:2; Matthew 24:30; Luke 21:27; 1 Thessalonians 4:17; Revelation 1:7.**

Then They Returned: The ascension of the Lord took place near Bethany, believed to be on the slope of the Mount of Olives (the exact location of Bethany is not known today; however, Luke will give us an indicator of the distance from Jerusalem that it could be found). Luke tells us that this location is near Jerusalem; “A Sabbath day's journey”. A Sabbath day's journey is, a distance of 2000 paces, or approximately 7/8's of a mile.

Upper Room:

Apostles: This is the last given list of the Apostles in the New Testament (The other lists can be found in: **Matthew 10:1-4; Mark 3:13-19; Luke 6:12-16. With Matthias - Acts 1:26; 2:42; 4:33, 35, 37, 5:2; 6:2, 6.**

This would also be the last mention of Mary, the mother of the Lord.

We also have a mention of “His brothers”. We can go to Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; to learn that the Lord had four brothers (James, Joses, Simon, and Judas, also known as Jude), as well as a plurality of sisters (**Matthew 13:56; Mark 6:3**).

John 7:5 - 1 Corinthians 9:5

James will be found as a pillar in the church in Jerusalem (**Acts 15:13; Galatians 2:9**). In addition to having an important role in the decree that would go out from Jerusalem (**Acts 15:6-29**), James would also author the letter that bears his name, and his brother Jude would write the letter that bears his name (**Jude 1**).