

# Answers

1. What word means 'rose from the dead'?

**The word resurrection means 'rose from the dead'.**

2. On which day was Jesus killed and buried?

**Jesus was killed and buried on Good Friday.**

3. How did the disciples feel when they saw Jesus had risen from the dead and had returned to them? Explain why.

**The disciples felt happy because they had missed him/were happy to see him/were surprised he had come back to them.**

4. Why had Jesus returned to them after his resurrection?

**Jesus had returned to them after his resurrection to show that what had been promised was true.**

5. How long did Jesus keep appearing to the disciples and spending time with them?

**Jesus spent forty days with the disciples and other followers.**

6. What was the gift that the disciples would receive?

**The disciples would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

7. What is the name given to the time when the disciples would receive the gift?

**The disciples would receive the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

8. How did Jesus get taken into heaven?

**Jesus was surrounded by a cloud.**

9. How did the disciples feel when they saw this?

**The disciples were amazed.**

10. Why do you think it is called Ascension Day?

**Answers will vary.**

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1. Explain why Easter Sunday is a joyous occasion.

**Easter Sunday is a joyous occasion because Jesus rose from the dead.**

2. What did Jesus do after his resurrection?

**After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples and followers.**

3. What difficulty did the disciples have, and why?

**The disciples had difficulty believing it was really Jesus. Although Jesus had told them stories about what was to come, they had not really understood what he had meant.**

4. What word has been used which means “said it was going to happen”?

**‘Predicted’ is the word which means, “said it was going to happen”.**

5. Explain the purpose of Jesus’ return to the disciples.

**The purpose of Jesus returning to the disciples was to show them that what had been promised was true.**

6. Describe how the disciples would have felt when Jesus spent time with them again.

**Answers will vary.**

7. How long did Jesus spend with the disciples after his resurrection?

**Jesus spent forty days with the disciples and followers after his resurrection.**

8. When did the disciples receive the gift of the Holy Spirit?

**The disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.**

9. Why did the disciples continue to “look eagerly at the sky”?

**The disciples continued to “look eagerly at the sky” because they wanted to see if they could still see Jesus/could not believe what had just happened.**

10. Explain why it is called Ascension Day.

**It is called Ascension Day because ‘to ascend’ means ‘to go up’ and Jesus went up into the sky.**

11. What feelings would the disciples have had at this event?

**Answers will vary.**

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1. Compare the feelings people would have had on Good Friday and on Easter Sunday. Give reasons for your answer.

**Answers will vary.**

2. What problem did some of the disciples experience upon seeing Jesus after the resurrection? Explain your answer.

**Some of the disciples had difficulty believing it was actually Jesus they were seeing because they had seen him crucified and buried just a few days before.**

3. Summarise the main points of the paragraphs in italics.

**Answers will be based on:**

**the surprise and joy the disciples felt on realising it was Jesus;**

**that they had not understood what Jesus had explained to them in all his teachings;**

**that the whole purpose of Jesus being crucified and rising from the dead was to show everyone that what had been prophesied was true.**

4. What did Jesus do with the disciples during the forty days?

**During the forty days, Jesus appeared to the disciples, talked with them, walked with them on familiar journeys and shared meals with them.**

5. What instructions did Jesus give the disciples?

**Jesus gave instructions to the disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

6. Choose two words other than 'disbelief' to describe how the disciples would have felt on the mountain.

**Answers will vary.**

7. Where had Jesus gone? How do you know?

**Jesus had gone to heaven. I know this because the two men who were dressed in white told the disciples.**

8. How would you describe the two men who spoke to the disciples?

**The two men who spoke to the disciples could be described as angels/messengers from God.**

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10. Describe and explain the different feelings the disciples might have had.

**Answers will vary.**

# Ascension Day

On Easter Sunday, Christians remember that Jesus rose from the dead, the resurrection. It is a joyous occasion after the despair felt by Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday.

After the resurrection, it is written in the Bible that Jesus appeared many times to his disciples and followers. At first, some of them had difficulty believing it was really him. After all, they had witnessed him being crucified and buried in a tomb a few days before.

## Jesus returned

However, they gradually realised that Jesus had returned to them and they were overjoyed. Despite having followed Jesus for three years and spending many hours listening to his teaching, prophesying his own death and resurrection, they had not truly understood what he meant.

Jesus returned after his resurrection, to show that what he had said was true.

For the next forty days, Jesus lived amongst his disciples. He appeared to them at different times, talked with them, walked with them on familiar journeys and shared meals with them. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



## On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples walked up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A great cloud descended upon the mountain, and as the disciples watched in disbelief, the cloud enveloped Jesus and he was taken up before their very eyes.

They continued to look earnestly at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This is the same Jesus who has been taken into heaven”.

The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying, and joined together in prayer.

# Questions

1. Compare the feelings people would have felt on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, and give reasons.
2. What problem did some of the disciples experience on seeing Jesus after the resurrection?  
Explain your answer.
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It is written in the Bible that, after the resurrection, Jesus appeared many times to his disciples and followers.

## Why did Jesus return after his death?

Through their sadness, the disciples realised that Jesus had returned to them, and they were so happy. Despite having spent many hours listening to Jesus' stories, telling them of his death and resurrection, they had not really understood what he meant.

Jesus returned to them after his death, showing them that what had been said was true. For the next forty days, Jesus lived with his disciples and appeared to them at different times. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



## On the mountain

On the fortieth day, Jesus and his disciples were walking up a mountain. Jesus asked his disciples not to leave Jerusalem until they had received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

A huge cloud came down upon the mountain and, as the disciples watched in amazement, the cloud surrounded Jesus. He was taken up into heaven before their very eyes.

The disciples continued to look at the sky when two men dressed in white stood beside them and asked,

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The disciples returned to Jerusalem and went upstairs to the room where they were staying, and prayed.

The disciples would receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Holy Spirit would help them travel the world teaching people and spreading the good news about Jesus.

**Did you know?: Ascension means to 'go up'.**

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4. Why had Jesus returned to them after his resurrection?
5. How long did Jesus keep appearing to the disciples and spending time with them?





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## Why did Jesus return after his death?

Despite the many hours spent listening to Jesus' stories, predicting his own death and resurrection, they had not really understood what he meant. When the disciples realised that Jesus had returned to them, they were so happy.

Jesus returned, showing them that what had been predicted was true. For the next forty days, Jesus lived amongst his disciples, appearing to them at different times, and sharing meals with them. They were delighted to have him with them once again.



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The disciples returned to Jerusalem, went upstairs to the room where they were staying and joined together in prayer.

Although the disciples did not know what to expect, they would receive the Holy Spirit a few days later. This would be known as Pentecost, and would give them the power and the ability to spread Jesus' good news around the world.

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