Jesus' Final Words and the Promise of His Return



Explore Jesus' last instructions and the hope of His ascension promise, inspiring faith and readiness for His glorious return.





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Introduction

The Gospels provide us with a profound narrative of Jesus Christ's life, ministry, death, resurrection, and ascension. Among these powerful accounts, **Jesus' final words and His promise of return** offer believers reassurance, direction, and hope for the future. *Luke 24:50–53* captures a poignant moment as Jesus blesses His disciples before ascending to heaven, assuring them—and us—that He will come again.

This 7-day study will guide you through the last instructions Jesus gave His followers, unpacking their spiritual significance and personal application. We will reflect on the commission to be witnesses of the Gospel, the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, and the confident expectation of Jesus' second coming.

Each day includes a primary passage, supporting scriptures, and a devotional to deepen your understanding and relationship with Christ. You will be challenged to meditate on Jesus' words, reflect on your readiness for His return, and embrace the mission entrusted to all believers.

As you journey through these studies, prepare to be encouraged by the living hope Jesus offers and strengthened by the promise that His story is not over —the best is yet to come.















Your Verse

Luke 24:50–51 NIV – "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven."

Supporting Scriptures

- Acts 1:9 "After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."
- Psalm 68:18 "When you ascended on high, you took many captives; you received gifts from people."







Devotional: The Power and Promise in Jesus' Blessing

Jesus' ascension marked a pivotal moment in history. As He blessed His disciples, the physical presence of the Savior was preparing to change into a spiritual presence. His hands lifted in blessing symbolize His ongoing intercession for us from heaven.

Consider the significance of Jesus blessing His followers before leaving them. His act was not one of final farewell but a commissioning filled with grace and empowerment. The ascension assures us that Jesus' earthly mission was complete and His heavenly ministry has begun, where He advocates for us before the Father.

We are reminded that though He is no longer visibly present, His blessing remains active, enabling and encouraging us to carry forward His mission. His departure opened the floodgates for the Holy Spirit to come and empower us to be His witnesses in all the world.







Reflect and Apply

	What does Jesus' act of blessing His disciples before ascending mean for you personally?
	How does knowing Jesus intercedes for you affect your confidence in daily challenges?
3.	In what ways can you live empowered by His blessing this week?







Journaling Prompts

	Write about a time when you felt God's blessing and how it impacted your faith.
2.	Describe what it means to you that Jesus is interceding for you in heaven.
3.	List ways you can remember and rely on Jesus' blessing as you face daily challenges.







Prayer for Today

















Your Verse

Matthew 28:18–20 NIV – "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations..."

Supporting Scriptures

- Mark 16:15 "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
- John 20:21 "Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."







Devotional: Empowered to Make Disciples with Confidence

Before leaving earth, Jesus gave His followers a clear mission—the Great Commission. This command to make disciples transcends time and culture, calling every believer to be an active participant in God's kingdom work.

Recognizing Jesus' authority 'in heaven and on earth' affirms that this commission is backed by divine power, not mere human effort. It invites us to step into partnership with Christ in sharing the gospel, baptizing, and teaching others to obey His commands.

Our task echoes across history with the promise, "I am with you always." We are not alone in this mission; Jesus' presence empowers and sustains us as we reach out to the lost, demonstrating His love and truth to a world in need.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Jesus' authority encourage you to step into His mission?
2.	What are practical steps you can take to make disciples where you live?
	How can you rely on Jesus' constant presence during difficult moments in sharing your faith?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Reflect on your current role in sharing the gospel and ways to grow in this calling.
2.	Write about any fears or challenges you face in obeying the Great Commission.
3.	Plan and journal a specific outreach or discipleship action you can take this week.







Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father, thank You for entrusting us with the Great Commission. Fill me with boldness and wisdom as I share the good news. Help me rely on Jesus' authority and presence to fulfill this mission faithfully. May my life reflect Your love and draw others to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

















Your Verse

Acts 1:4-5 NIV - "While meeting with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the gift my Father promised...you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Supporting Scriptures

- John 14:16–17 "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to help you and be with you forever."
- Romans 8:11 "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit."







Devotional: Living in the Power of the Holy Spirit

Jesus' final instructions included a vital promise—the coming of the Holy Spirit. This promise was a source of hope and power for the early disciples, equipping them to fulfill Jesus' mission.

The Holy Spirit is our comforter, guide, and source of spiritual strength. Jesus told His followers to wait in Jerusalem to receive this gift, indicating preparation and dependence on God's timing and provision.

In our lives today, the Holy Spirit continues to empower us to live righteous lives, witness boldly, and experience God's presence intimately. This divine helper enables transformation from within, making us effective ambassadors of Christ.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you experience the Holy Spirit's guidance in your daily life?
2.	Are there areas where you need greater empowerment from the Spirit?
3.	What does waiting on God's timing mean for your faith journey?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about a moment when you felt the Holy Spirit's presence distinctly.
2.	Reflect on how the Spirit has helped you overcome a personal challenge.
3.	List ways you can cultivate sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading.







Prayer for Today

Holy Spirit, come and fill me anew. Empower me to live according to God's will and to boldly share Jesus' love. Help me to listen closely to Your voice and rely on Your strength in all circumstances. Guide me daily as I seek to follow Christ. Amen. *♠ ♠ ♣*









Day 4: Waiting in Expectation









Day 4: X Waiting in Expectation

Your Verse

Luke 24:52–53 NIV – "Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."

Supporting Scriptures

- Acts 1:14 "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18 "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances..."







Day 4: X Waiting in Expectation

Devotional: Faithful Waiting Filled with Joy and Worship

The disciples responded to Jesus' ascension by worshiping and praying continually in the temple. Their waiting was not passive but full of joyful expectation and steadfast devotion.

Waiting on God is often challenging, but it is also a time of preparation and transformation. The early believers exemplify how worship and prayer can sustain faith through periods of uncertainty.

Like them, we are called to remain vigilant, praising God in all circumstances, confident that Jesus will return. Our hope is active, shaping how we live and engage with the world around us.







Day 4: 🔀 Waiting in Expectation

Reflect and Apply

1.	How do you practice waiting on God in your current season?
2.	What are some ways worship and prayer have strengthened your faith?
3.	How can you cultivate a joyful heart even when answers seem delayed?







Day 4:
☐ Waiting in Expectation

Journaling Prompts

Journal about a time when waiting on God brought unexpected growth.
List personal strategies to remain joyful and prayerful amidst uncertainty
Reflect on what continuous worship means for your daily life.







Day 4:
☐ Waiting in Expectation

Prayer for Today

Gracious God, teach me to wait with patience and joy like the early disciples. Fill my heart with worship and unwavering trust as I anticipate Jesus' return. Strengthen my faith to praise You through every season. I surrender all to Your perfect timing. Amen. $\fill \fill \fill$















Your Verse

Titus 2:13 NIV – "While we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Supporting Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 4:8 "Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness... that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing."
- Revelation 22:20 "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.







Devotional: Anchored in the Blessed Hope of Christ's Return

The promise of Jesus' return is the blessed hope that sustains believers. It is an assurance that history is moving toward God's ultimate redemption.

This hope calls us to live with purpose, holiness, and eager anticipation. Knowing Jesus will come again shapes how we handle trials, relationships, and our commitment to the Gospel.

Whether trials press or joy overflows, this hope is a steadfast anchor for the soul—reminding us that our citizenship is in heaven and that eternal glory awaits.







Reflect and Apply

	How does the hope of Jesus' second coming influence your daily decisions?
2.	In what ways can this hope bring comfort during difficult circumstances?
3.	How might this outlook help you encourage others in their faith?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about what the 'blessed hope' of Jesus' return means to you.
2.	Reflect on how this hope has impacted your attitude toward challenges.
3.	List ways you can share this hope with someone struggling in faith.







Prayer for Today

Lord Jesus, thank You for the blessed hope of Your return. Help me live each day ready and faithful, embracing the purpose You give. May this hope comfort me in trials and inspire me to share Your love boldly. Hurry, Lord! Amen. �� 🙏 🗀

















Your Verse

Matthew 24:42–44 NIV – "Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come..."

Supporting Scriptures

- 1 Peter 4:7 "Be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray."
- Luke 21:36 "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen."







Devotional: Cultivating Alertness for Christ's Coming

Jesus teaches the importance of vigilance in awaiting His return. His words emphasize readiness, alertness, and prayerful living to ensure we are not caught unaware.

Spiritual preparedness involves consistent prayer, holy living, and staying rooted in God's Word. It calls Christians to live intentionally each moment with kingdom priorities.

Rather than fear, this readiness cultivates peace and assurance—knowing that we walk in the light and await the coming of our Savior with eager expectation.







Reflect and Apply

1.	What practical habits help you stay spiritually alert and ready?
2.	How can prayer deepen your preparedness for Jesus' return?
3.	Are there distractions you need to remove to focus on kingdom living?







Journaling Prompts

	Reflect on your current spiritual 'watchfulness'—strengths and areas to improve.
2.	Write about how prayer has helped you in times of spiritual challenge.
3.	Identify changes you can make to live more intentionally for Christ.







Prayer for Today

Father, grant me the discipline to remain vigilant and prayerful as I await Jesus' return. Keep my heart pure and my mind focused on Your will. Help me to live faithfully every day, encouraging others in love and truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.















Your Verse

Luke 24:52 NIV - "Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy."

Supporting Scriptures

- Hebrews 12:2 "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."
- Philippians 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"







Devotional: Walking in Joyful Worship of the Ascended Lord

The disciples' response to Jesus' ascension was worship and great joy. Even as He left their sight, their hearts were filled with hope and celebration.

Worship grounds our faith, and joy reflects the confidence we have in Christ's eternal victory. As believers, rejoicing in our ascended King strengthens us and inspires witness to others.

This joy is not dependent on circumstances but rooted deeply in Jesus' promises and presence. It equips us to face life's uncertainties with peace and anticipation.







Reflect and Apply

1.	How does joy in Jesus' ascension influence your daily worship?
2.	In what ways can rejoicing impact your perspective during hardships?
3.	How can your joyful witness encourage others to know Christ?







Journaling Prompts

1.	Write about moments when worship has brought you joy and peace.
2.	Reflect on how joy helps you handle challenges in your faith walk.
3.	Plan ways to share your joy in Christ with someone this week.







Prayer for Today

Jesus, I rejoice in Your ascension and victory. Fill me with lasting joy and a heart of worship. May my life radiate the hope You provide, encouraging all who see Your work within me. Thank You, King of kings! Amen.







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