



# Everyday FAITH Family Page

## 3 in 1: Discovering Our Triune God

### Key Point

After Jesus descended into hell and rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven to prepare a place for me and all believers.

### Bible Words

[Jesus says,] I will come again and will take you to Myself. John 14:3

### Law/Gospel

My sinful flesh sees our Lord's ascension as abandonment. **The glory and wonder of the ascension is that now that Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father, He is truly with me to the very end of the age. When He comes again, He will bring me to the place He has prepared for me through His death and resurrection.**

### Ascension Accounts

The Bible records Jesus' ascension in four places: Matthew 28:16–20; Mark 16:19–20; Luke 24:50–53; and Acts 1:1–11.

## Jesus Is Our Lord:

## Jesus Ascends to Heaven

Acts 1:9–11

**B**efore Jesus ascended, He promised to be with His disciples always and to send them the Holy Spirit. When they received the Spirit's power, Jesus said the disciples would be His witnesses throughout the world.

Then Jesus rose up into heaven before their very eyes. A cloud covered Him. The disciples stared up at the heavens with amazement. Two angels appeared and said, "This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11).

What did this mean? And what would they do now that their Teacher was no longer on earth? The next days, weeks, and years showed them.

Physical separation from God sometimes troubles us too. We believe in a God we cannot see, but take comfort in Jesus' promise to always be with us and to send the Holy Spirit to us. The Spirit gives us faith to believe and trust in Jesus. The Spirit energizes and empowers us to serve God and tell about Christ.

Jesus' ascension is a source of joy for all believers. It does not mean He is no longer with us, only that we cannot see Him. He conquered sin and death forever and reigns in heaven with God the Father. We look forward to the day when He returns and brings all believers to the place He has prepared for us through His death and resurrection.

## Catechism Connection: The Apostles' Creed

In the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, we confess: "And [I believe] in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. **He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**"

## Prayer

*Jesus, thank You for being with us always. Keep us in the one true faith and grant us joy as we look forward to Your return. In Your precious name we pray. Amen.*