

Reconnecting with the Resurrected Christ –Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth

Before He left, He told them [why it was good for Him to go](#).

📖 John 16:5–7 (NIV) “Now I am going to Him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.”

📖 John 14:16–17 (NCV) “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper to be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it does not see Him or know Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you and He will be in you.”

Before He left, He told them [what He wanted them to do](#).

📖 Matthew 28:19–20 (NIV) “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

📖 Mark 16:15 (NIV) “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

📖 Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- “Jerusalem” = Our **City**
- “Judea” = Our **State**
- “Samaria” = Our **Country**
- “Ends of the Earth” = Our **World**

📖 Acts 20:22–24 (NCV) “But now I must obey the Holy Spirit and go to Jerusalem. I don’t know what will happen to me there.²³ I know only that in every city the Holy Spirit tells me that troubles and even jail wait for me.²⁴ I don’t care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God’s grace.”

Before He left, He told them [what He was going to go do](#).

📖 John 14:1–2 (NKJV) “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me.² In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”

📖 2 Corinthians 5:1–4 (NIV) “Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling,³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.”

Before He left, He told them [that He would be back](#).

📖 John 14:3 (NIV) “...if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

📖 Acts 1:9–11 (NIV) “... He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight.¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven.”

📖 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 (NLT) “And now, dear brothers and sisters, we want you to know what will happen to the believers who have died so you will not grieve like people who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and was raised to life again, we also believe that when Jesus returns, God will bring back with Him the believers who have died.¹⁵ We tell you this directly from the Lord: We who are still living when the Lord returns will not meet Him ahead of those who have died.¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.¹⁷ Then, together with them, we who are still alive and remain on the earth will be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Then we will be with the Lord forever.¹⁸ So encourage each other with these words.”

Digging Deeper If you were to die today, do you know for certain that you would go to heaven? Have you placed your faith in Jesus Christ? If you do follow Christ, in what ways has the Holy Spirit made Himself known to you? In what ways are you obeying the Great Commission? Other than Jesus, who do you most look forward to seeing in heaven? If Jesus were to return today, would you be ready? Are you living as if He could come back at any moment?