

THE UPPER ROOM PRAYER MEETING!

4/18/26 – Sat. Morn. Prayer - P. Twente, 714 425-9221; ptwente@gmail.com <https://www.ptwente.com>

The Ascension of Jesus Christ, marking His return to heaven after resurrection, is primarily detailed in *Luke 24:50-51* and *Acts 1:89-11*, showing a visible, bodily ascension from the Mount of Olives, in Bethany.

(Act 1:12-14) Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. [13] And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. [14] These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

“THE POWER OF PRAYER” - Acts 1:12- 26 Review of the **Indwelling/Power of the Holy Spirit:**
First two relationships: “with” (*para*) & “in” (*en*).

In (*en*); Joh 14:17 *the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

Upon (*epi*): (Act 1:8) *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* Our taking possession of the Holy Spirit, being Spirit filled, comes upon by simply believing in our Lord Jesus Christ! - *John 1:11; 3:16; Eph. 2:8*. When the Holy Spirit has us, comes upon us, there is that mighty outpouring of power!

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- **They returned to Jerusalem:** This was notable obedience. Jesus told them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit (*Act 1:4*), and that is exactly what they did.
- **A Sabbath’s day journey:** The Mount of Olives was just outside of Jerusalem. This describes a short distance; One-half of a mile (about 2,000 cubits), the farthest distance a faithful Jew could travel on the Sabbath

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- **They went up into the upper room.** Either a room in the temple, or in the house of one of the disciples, where this holy company was accustomed to meet. After their return from Mount Olivet, (*Luk 24:53*) and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God. Amen.
- **Peter ...** All the apostles were there which Jesus had at first chosen except Judas, *Luk 6:13-16*.

(Act 1:14) These all continued (in earnest) with one accord (unanimously) in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

- **They continued in prayer**, spending much time in it, more than ordinary, praying frequently, and

were long in prayer. They never missed an hour of prayer; they resolved to persevere until the Holy Spirit came, according to the promise, *to pray, and not to faint*. It is said (*Luk 24:53*), *They were praising and blessing God*; here, *They continued in prayer and supplication*; for as praise for the promise is a decent way of begging for the performance, and praise for former mercy of begging further mercy. So, in seeking God, we give Him the glory of the mercy and grace which we have found in Him.

- **They did this with one accord**. They were together in holy love. There was no arguing among them. Those who so keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace are best prepared to receive the *comforts of the Holy Spirit*. It also shows their concurrence in the supplications that were made. Though but one spoke, they all prayed. *When two agree to ask, it shall be done for them*, much more when many agree in the same petition. (**Mat 18:19**) *"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.*
- **Their prayer was united and persevering, which were** the grounds of this unity and were the command and promise of Jesus. He had promised to send them the Spirit soon. He had commanded them to wait for Him to come and then to begin their witness. We learn, therefore, that God's promises do not render prayer meaningless. On the contrary, it is only His promises which gives us the warrant to pray and the confidence that He will hear and answer.
- **With the women**. Doubtless they included Mary Magdalene, Mary the wife of Clopas, the sisters Mary and Martha, and Salome. Some of the apostles' wives also may have been present. **Mary the mother of Jesus**. Mary's name does not appear again in the NT. **brothers**. Jesus' half-brothers, named in (*Mrk 6:3*) as James, Joses, Judas, and Simon. James was the leader of the Jerusalem church (*Act 12:17; 15:13-22*) and author of the epistle that bears his name. Judas (Jude) wrote the epistle of Jude.

SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER - Walford/W. Bradbury – Maranatha Praise Band (3:27)

1 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare, By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! Thy wings shall my petition bear To Him whose truth and faithfulness Engage the waiting soul to bless. And since He bids me seek His face, Believe His Word and trust His grace, I'll cast on Him my every care, And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

3 Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer! That calls me from a world of care, And bids me at my Father's throne Make all my wants and wishes known. In seasons of distress and grief, My soul has often found relief, And oft escaped the tempter's snare, By thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

Thank Him Today and Pray for: **Opening the Strait of Hormuz! For the ceasefire in Lebanon and in Iran! Also Pray for:** Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Court. Key 2026 Cabinet Members & Officials: President; **Donald Trump**; VP: **J.D. Vance**; Sec of State: **Marco Rubio**; Speaker of the House: **Mike Johnson**; Senate Majority Leader: **John Thune**; Sec of the Treasury: **Scott Bessent**; Sec of War: **Pete Hegseth**; Sec of Homeland Security: **Markwayne Mullin**; Attorney General: Interim Appointee, **Todd Blanche**.