

June 30

Jesus is Received into Heaven and Sits at God's Right Hand

As they were...talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father!"...And Elisha saw him no more – 2 Kings 2:11-12

[Luke 24:50-53, Bethany, 40 days after Easter] He led them out as far as Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. It happened, while he blessed them, that, as they were looking, he withdrew from them, was taken up, and was carried up into heaven, and a cloud received him out of their sight. While they were looking steadfastly into the sky as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white clothing, who also said, "You men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus,

They worshiped him, and returned...with great joy

who was received up from you into the sky will come back in the same way as you saw him going into the sky."

So then the Lord, after he had spoken to them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. They worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple, praising and blessing God. They went out, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. Amen. [Mark 16:19-20, Acts 1:10-11]

1. What gave them joy? What was the blessing? When did they preach? Who were the men?
2. Why were they in the temple? How do you praise Jesus? How do you preach everywhere?
3. Jesus, your return to heaven gives me tons of joy, since I know that you're at God's right...