

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Verses 2 and 3 state that Jesus showed many infallible proofs of His resurrection during these forty days, giving commands to His disciples and "speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."

Yesterday we examined some of the wonderful Old Testament predictions about the coming kingdom. We saw that these passages describe a time when the Lord Himself will reign on earth--a time of universal peace and happiness. It would be natural for the disciples to wonder whether this kingdom would be set up immediately, now that the King had performed His great work of atonement on the cross and