Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

CHARACTERS: Jesus, disciples, Matthias, Barsabbas, Narrator, 2 angels
COSTUMES: Biblical
PROPS: None specified
SETTING: None specified
RUN TIME: 2 minutes/scene
SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Acts 1
FK reading level: 6.4

At rise: Jesus surrounded by disciples. Two ANGELs are hidden in the back of the group so they can make a sudden appearance.

NARR: After his suffering, Jesus gave many convincing proofs that he was alive over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command

JESUS: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

DISCIPLE: Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?

JESUS: It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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. *(JESUS exits)*

NARR: After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Disciples look intently up into the sky. Two men dressed in white enter.

ANGEL 1: Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?

ANGEL 2: 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.

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

At rise: Group of men and women (including apostles and Mary) is seated or kneeling in prayer. "Amen" and Peter stands to address the group.

PETER: Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.

In the book of Psalms it is written: 'May his place be deserted; let there be no one to dwell in it, 'and, 'May another take his place of leadership.'

Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.

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DISCIPLE 1: I nominate Joseph called Barsabbas.

DISCIPLE 2: You mean the one called Justus?

DISCIPLE 1: Yes.

DISCIPLE 3: I nominate Matthias. He has been with us beginning with John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us

DISCIPLE 2: Let us pray then cast the lots.

PETER: Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs. *Lots are cast. Matthias is chosen*

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