

# Acts 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

## Analysis

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**This same Jesus... shall so come in like manner**—The angelic announcement emphasizes the personal, visible, bodily return of Christ. The Greek 'houtos' (this same) stresses identity—the risen Jesus who ascended will return unchanged. **In like manner** (ὅν τρόπον) means his return will mirror the ascension: visible, bodily, to the Mount of Olives. This combats both realized eschatology (no future return) and spiritualized interpretations. The two angels recall Luke's resurrection account (24:4), bracketing Jesus' post-resurrection ministry with heavenly messengers confirming God's plan.

## Historical Context

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Delivered by 'two men... in white apparel' (angels) to the disciples gazing upward after Jesus' ascension. This occurred around 30 AD on the Mount of Olives east of Jerusalem. The promise sustained the early church through persecution and disappointment.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

## Study Questions

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1. How does certainty of Christ's visible return affect your response to current world events?
2. What does 'in like manner' teach about the nature of biblical prophecy and fulfillment?

## Interlinear Text

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δν καὶ εῖπον, Ἀνδρες Γαλιλαῖοι τί ἐστήκατε  
Which also said Ye men of Galilee why stand ye  
G3739 G2532 G2036 G435 G1057 G5101 G2476

ἐμβλέποντες εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν οὗτος τὸν Ἰησοῦς τὸν  
gazing up into which heaven this same which Jesus which  
G1689 G1519 G3588 G3772 G3778 G3588 G2424 G3588

ἀναληφθεὶς ἀφ' ὑμῶν εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν οὕτως  
is taken up from you into which heaven so  
G353 G575 G5216 G1519 G3588 G3772 G3779

ἐλεύσεται δν τρόπον ἐθεάσασθε αὐτὸν  
come Which in like manner as ye have seen him  
G2064 G3739 G5158 G2300 G846

πορευόμενον εἰς τὸν οὐρανόν  
go into which heaven  
G4198 G1519 G3588 G3772

## Additional Cross-References

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**Revelation 1:7** (Parallel theme): Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

**1 Thessalonians 4:16** (Parallel theme): For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**Mark 13:26** (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.

**Matthew 24:30** (Parallel theme): And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

**Matthew 25:31** (Parallel theme): When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

**John 14:3** (Parallel theme): And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

**Matthew 16:27** (Parallel theme): For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10** (References Jesus): And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

**Luke 21:27** (Parallel theme): And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

**Acts 13:31** (Parallel theme): And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are his witnesses unto the people.