

# YOU'RE NOT ALONE

Today's lesson from the First Letter of Peter warns that the Christian life is not all comfy and cosy. But it also contains great encouragement:

IT IS HUGE PORTIONS OF DESTROYING.

Stop, wait a moment: that is not the right message! But if you rearrange the letters you can figure out the words of encouragement that Peter sends to his readers:

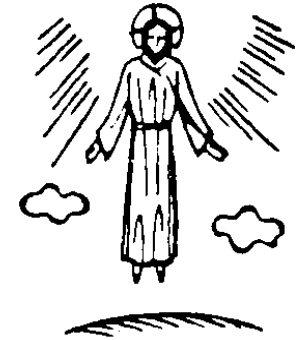
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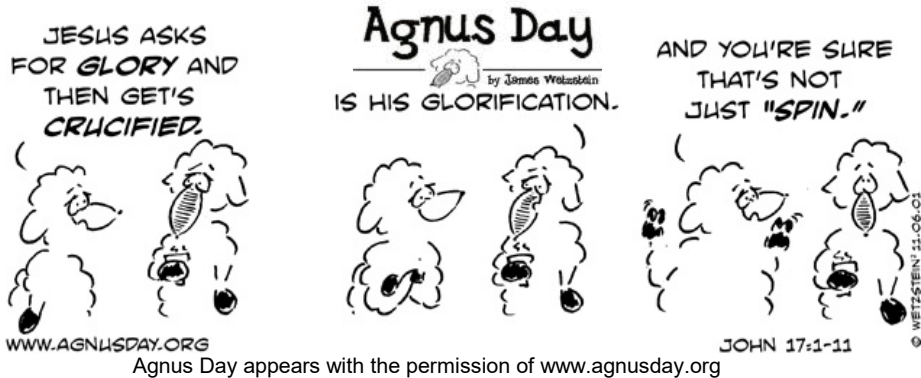
Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023



## Today's lessons:

- Acts 1:6-14 Luke begins his second book, the Acts of the Apostles, just like he had ended the first one, the Gospel of Luke: with Jesus giving final directions to his disciples and ascending to heaven.
- Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35 God has his home in the heavens, and there he gives shelter to the poor, the homeless, the persecuted. And that is where Jesus goes to prepare a place for all who belong to him (John 14:2).
- 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11 Don't be surprised if your life as a Christian is not a bed of roses: Jesus didn't promise an easy life here on earth, but eternal life with God!
- John 17:1-11 After the Last Supper, Jesus is praying for the disciples he is going to leave behind. They will have to take over his ministry of telling the world about God and living a life that pleases God. And they can do that only if they are united in Christ.



**The Ascension of the Lord**

Traditionally the Ascension of Jesus Christ to Heaven is celebrated on a Thursday, the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Day (just like before Easter there are 40 days of Lent). The lessons today remind us of this festival.

# SING TO GOD, WHO RIDES UPON THE CLOUDS

But first find the words for that from Psalm 68:

N P D E P W R P O H S S N R M  
 F O M X I E R O T U S S P E O  
 Y O I C H E O G V M E E R J D  
 H R K T S B N P S A N N O O E  
 D E A E A E O U L J R D V I E  
 D F N T R T O U Z E E O I C R  
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Will be back soon!

While Jesus is leaving his disciples behind when he ascends to heaven,  
 he also leaves them an important message, delivered by two men in white.  
 Can you decipher what it is?!

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