

Acts 1:1-11

(Lectionary Year A Easter 7 Ascension)

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The Ascension of Jesus is just the beginning...	
You will need:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 Presenters• Active internet connection• Star Wars opening crawl: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKRIUiyF0N4• Acts 1:1-11 crawl (instructions at the end)
Time required:	5 minutes

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Presenter 1: Time for a story – today, the complete story of Star Wars – ready? Go!
Play youtube clip (Star Wars opening crawl)

Context

And there we have it – the story of Star Wars.

Presenter 2: (getting up from the midst of the gathering) No way! That's not the story of Star Wars – that's just the beginning! There's hours and hours and hours more after that.

Besides, you were meant to be doing a bible story – a story of Jesus' life – not Star Wars.

Content

Presenter 1: hmmm...the Story of Jesus. Ok. I think I'm ok with that. Let me start again. (clears throat, as Presenter 2 sits down again) Time for a story – today, the complete story of Jesus – ready? Go!

Play youtube clip (Acts 1:1-11 in crawl) reading over the top of the music in a melodramatic voice.

And there we have it – the story of Jesus.

Presenter 2: (getting up from the midst of the gathering again) No way! That's not the story of Jesus – that's just the beginning! There's more and more and more and more...let's look again...

Re-play youtube clip (Acts 1:1-11 in crawl) reading over the top of the music in a melodramatic voice.

Presenter 1: But Jesus has gone back to heaven...

Presenter 2: Sure, his earthly body is no longer visible in one place at one time, not limited any more – but look - Jesus has given his followers the promise of his Spirit, so he is still with them – still with us! – alive and his story going on and on and on in us.

Presenter 1: let's check one more time – let's all use our best announcing voices to read together....

Re-play youtube clip (Acts 1:1-11 in crawl) with all reading over the top of the music in a melodramatic voice.



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Creating an Acts 1:1-11 Crawl

Go to: <https://starwarsintrocreator.kassellabs.io>

**STAR WARS
INTRO CREATOR**

A long time ago in a land far,
far away....

JESUS

Episode 2

Acts 1:1-11

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.

They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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PLAY

and request your video to download

Replace the existing text with the Bible passage and click play.

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days

from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”

He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

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