

Great Joy in His Ascension

Luke 24:50-53 / Acts 1:9-11

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**The Ascension is
not space travel....**

When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with **great joy**.

– Luke 24:50-52



**What caused the
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And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted-up, and **a cloud** took him out of their sight.

– Acts 1:9

And every priest **stands daily** at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he **sat down** at the right hand of God.. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. – Hebrews 10:11-14

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Do not let your hearts be troubled... My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to **prepare a place** for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. – John 14:1-3

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But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. – John 16:7

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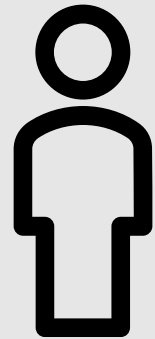
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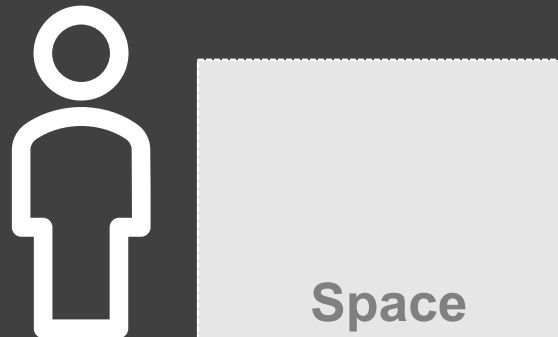
Space

Hospitality is the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy.

– Henri Nouwen

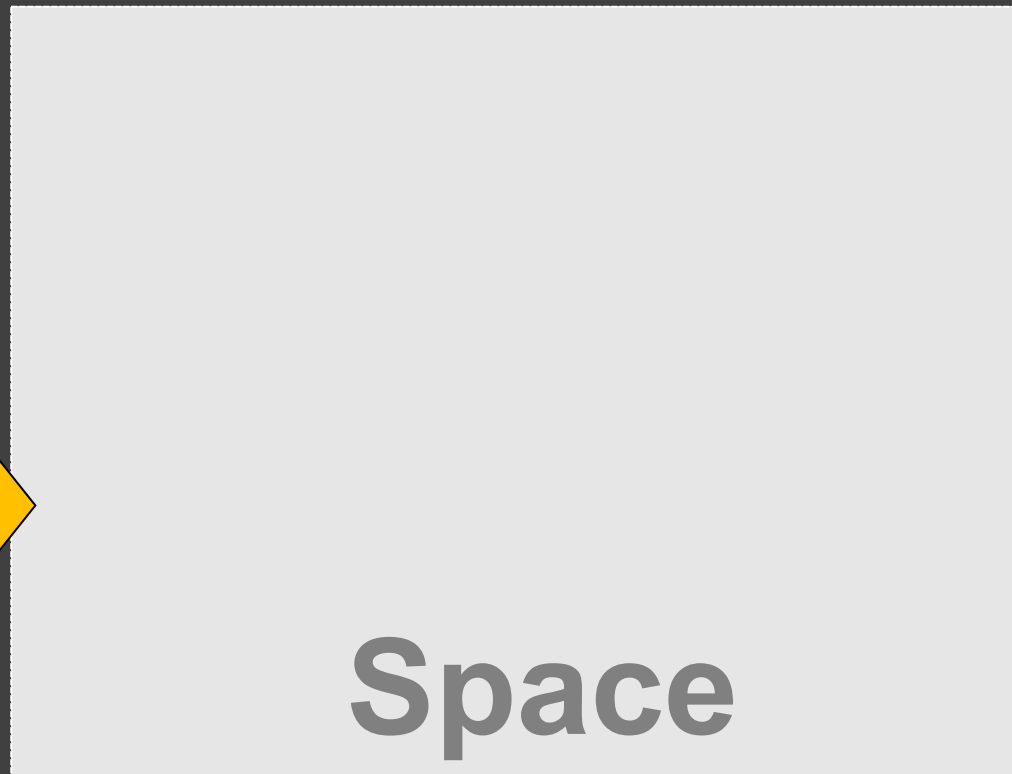
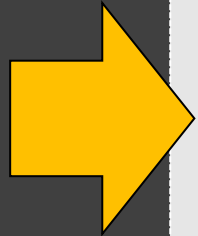
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