1. Luke tells how, after his Resurrection, Jesus reassures his disciples that they will not be alone.

*Then Jesus said to them “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you – that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled”. Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures and he said to them, “Thus it is written that the Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so, stay here in the city until you has been clothed with power from on high.”*

Luke 24: 44-49

1. In Matthew, Jesus is not only reassuring the disciples but telling them of their future mission.

*The eleven disciples went to the hill in Galilee where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshipped him even though some of them doubted. Jesus drew near and said to them, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Go then to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples. Baptise them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit and teach them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And I will be with you always to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28: 16-20

1. In Acts of the Apostles the disciples are witnesses to the ascension of Christ.

*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 Judaea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

*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.”*

*Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus.*

Acts 1: 6-14

**Christian belief**

These scripture passages have helped Christians today to understand that, like the disciples, they too are called to witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and the new life he brings. They believe in his unseen presence and they can pick out the signs of his activity.Wherever there is love, there is God. To be a witness, Christians must have the courage to talk to others about this belief and announce his presence to the whole world so that they can share their joy. Christians are called to announce the Good News of the happiness prepared by God in Jesus so that all people may discover God’s love and know a hope that is stronger than death. Talking about Jesus however, is not the only way to be a witness. In fact, the best way is to practice the gospel. Christians must practice what they preach and be sure that their actions show God’s love.