*HRT3M1 – World Religions: Christianity*

**Life of Jesus Christ** – After the “Lost Years”

* “Lost Years” = the period from age 12 to 30 in Jesus’ life that was not RECORDED in the Bible
* Around age 30, Jesus began his ministry
  + It is during time that he found his 12 APOSTLES
    - These 12 Apostles are Jesus’ first followers
    - They are the people who always accompanied him
* Over the next 3 years, Jesus, along with his Apostles, travelled to many places preaching, performing miracles and healings
  + Many accounts were recorded in the Gospel
    - (4 books in the New Testament that talks about Jesus’ teachings and actions)
* The Passion of Jesus Christ
  + The series of events that led up to Jesus’ death on the cross
* Crucifixion/Death/Resurrection
  + After the resurrection, Jesus stayed with his Apostles for 40 days
* **Ascension**
  + Jesus rose up into the sky and is seated at the right hand of the Father
    - As you have read previously in the Nicene Creed
  + WHY is this event important?
    - Because Jesus wanted to show his followers where He is going, and consequently, where THEY (those who believed in Him) will be going after death
    - “I am the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. No one comes to the Father except through me.” – John 14:6
    - If Jesus doesn’t go back to be with God, He would never send the Holy Spirit down to be with us
* **Pentecost** – the event when the Holy Spirit descended down upon all the Apostles and Mary
  + The 12 Apostles had been hiding because they were afraid of what people may do to them as followers of Jesus
  + When the Holy Spirit descended upon them, they were no longer afraid
* With renewed passion and grace, the Apostles were sent out in pairs to EVANGELIZE (to tell others of Jesus’ teachings) and performing miracles/healings too
  + Many of these accounts were recorded in the Bible, under the book called “Acts of the Apostles”