

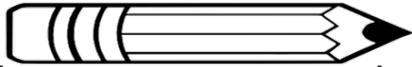
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9. V9-11. How were the disciples impacted by Jesus' ascension? What does it look like to be captivated by Jesus in the light of the ascension?
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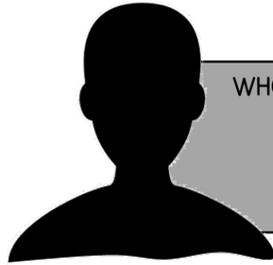
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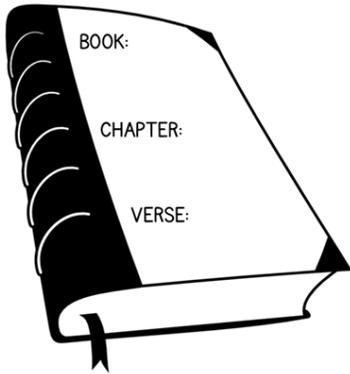
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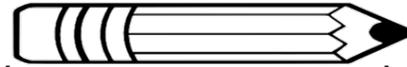


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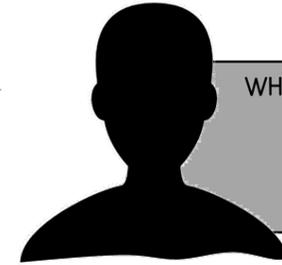
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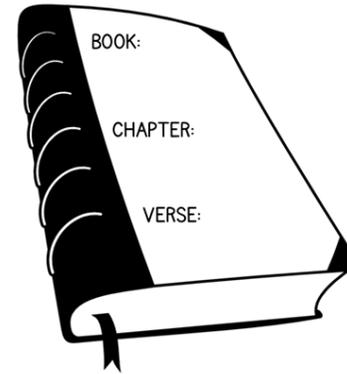
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