

Acts 1: 1-11

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1. What did Luke write about? (1:1-2)

Acts 1:1-2

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,

2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

1. What did Luke write about? (1:1-2)

Luke 24: 44-49

44 Now He said to them, “These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”

45 Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
46 and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day,
47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

48 “You are witnesses of these things.

49 “And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

1. What did Luke write about? (1:1-2)

Colossians 1:9-12.

9 For this reason also, since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may **be filled with the knowledge**

10 of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

11 strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.

1. What did Luke write about? (1:1-2)

2 Timothy 2:15

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God **as a workman** who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2. After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (1:3)

Acts 1:3

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

2. After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (1:3)

1. Jesus paid the penalty for man's sin with His death on the cross.

2. By rising from the dead, Jesus conquered death for man and now makes available a new life for the believer.

3. The apostles became convinced of the reality of their Lord's physical resurrection by witnessing His appearances.

4. The resurrection gave the apostles the boldness to preach the gospel to the very people who crucified Christ.

5. The resurrection transformed the apostles from fearful, cowering skeptics to bold, powerful witnesses.

Evidence of Jesus' appearance after His resurrection in those 40 days:

At the empty tomb: Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-12, John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene in the garden: Mark 16:9-11, John 20:11-18

Appearing to other women: Matthew 28:9-10

2 people going to Emmaus: Mark 16:12-13, Luke 24:13-32

Peter: Luke 24:34, I Cor 15:5

Evidence of Jesus' appearance after His resurrection in those 40 days:

The 10 disciples in the upper room: Luke 24:36-43, John 20:19-25

The 11 disciples in the upper room: Mark 16:14, John 20:26-31, I Cor 15:5

The 7 disciples fishing: John 21:1-23

The 11 disciples on a mountain: Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15-18

Appeared to more than 500: I Cor. 15:6

Appeared to James: I Cor 15:7

To His disciples on the 40th day: Luke 24:44-49, Acts 1:3-8

2. After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (1:3)

A. Taught them about the Kingdom of God – God's dominion

The OT looked forward to the fulfillment of God's kingdom in the Messiah's reign in grace and righteousness over the whole earth.

1 Chronicles 17:14

14 "But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever."

Daniel 2:44

44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and *that* kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

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B-1. Kingdom of God – The church of Jesus Christ

Matthew 16:16-19

16 Simon Peter answered, "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"

17 And Jesus said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

18 "I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build **My church**; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it.

19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."

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B-2. Kingdom of God – The church of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

2. After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (1:3)

B-3. Kingdom of God – The church of Jesus Christ found in the gospel.

Matthew 24:14

14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

3. What specific commands did Jesus give the apostles? (1:4)

Acts 1:4

4 Gathering them together, He
commanded them not to leave
Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father
had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you
heard of from Me;

The Father's promise – THE HOLY SPIRIT

3. What specific commands did Jesus give the apostles? (1:4)

John 14:16-17

16 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;
17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:26

26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

4. What gift did Jesus promise to the apostles? (1:5)

Acts 1:5

5 for John baptized with water, but **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.

“You will be baptized with the Holy Spirit”

4. What gift did Jesus promise to the apostles? (1:5)

1 Cor. 12: 13-14

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

5. What did the apostles misunderstand? (1:6)

Acts 1:6

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

6. How did Jesus answer the apostles' questions? (1:7-8)

Acts 1:7-8

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

7. What task did Jesus assign the apostles? (1:8)

Acts 1:8

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7. What task did Jesus assign the apostles? (1:8)

1. The apostles would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them.
2. The apostles were witnesses to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.
3. The apostles were to share the “good news” with all mankind.

8. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (1:9,11)

Acts 1:9

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

Acts 1:11

11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

8. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (1:9,11)

1. He is the ascended Lord.

Acts 2: 36

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ—this Jesus whom you crucified.”

2. He is the ascended Mediator between God and man.

Jn. 10: 7-8

7 So Jesus said to them again, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep.

8 “All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them.

3. He is the ascended Advocate of man before God.

Jn. 14:16-17

16 “I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

17 *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

8. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (1:9,11)

4. He is the ascended Son of God, the One who came “out of” heaven to earth to save man.

Heb. 7:25

25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

5. He is the ascended High Priest of God who makes reconciliation for the sins of men.

Heb. 2: 17-18

17 Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

18 For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.

8. After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (1:9,11)

6. He is the ascended High Priest who is touched with the feelings of our infirmities and delivers and helps us through all trials.

Heb. 2: 16

16 For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the descendant of Abraham.

7. He is the ascended Christ (Messiah) who makes intercession for us.

Rom. 8:33-34

33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies;
34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us.

9. How did the apostles react to Jesus' departure? (1:10)

Acts 1:10

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

They gazed intently into the sky.

10. Who were the figures in white? (1:10)

Acts 1:10

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

The two men in white were messengers.

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11. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? (1: 11)

Luke 24: 50-53

50 And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them.

51 While He was blessing them, **He parted from them and was carried up into heaven.**

52 And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

53 and were continually in the temple praising God.

11. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? (1: 11)

1. This "same Jesus" shall return just as He left.

He shall not return in some strange way, in a way that He might be unrecognized and missed. He shall return in the clouds of heaven and every eye shall "see Him".

Rev. 1:7

7 Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

11. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? (1: 11)

2. This “same Jesus” is the One who will come back. He will not be different, either in Person or in attitude. He will be the same.

a. He is the same Jesus, the same Lord and Savior, the same One who came to earth to save men.

b. He is the same Jesus in attitude, still loving and caring for those who follow Him.

c. He is the same Jesus who promised to return and receive believers.

Jn. 14: 2–3

2 “In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

3 “If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, *there* you may be also.

11. How will Jesus' return be like His ascension? (1: 11)

3. The “same Jesus” who will return is the One who ascended into heaven.

a. The Jesus in heaven is the same Jesus the disciples knew.

b. The One who was their Lord and Savior.

c. The One who came to earth to be their close **Companion**, their **Advocate**, their **Mediator**, their **Representative before God**.