



The Acts of the Apostles

Study Notes Lesson 1

OUTLINE

I. THE PROLOGUE (1-8)

A. THE FORMER ACCOUNT TO THEOPHILUS (1-3)

1. Of all that Jesus began to do and teach
2. Until the day in which Jesus was taken up
3. After He had given commandments to the apostles
 - a. To whom He had shown Himself alive, being seen during forty days
 - b. Speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God

B. THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (4-8)

1. The apostles commanded to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the Promise of the Father
 - a. Which they had heard from Him
 - b. For while John baptized with water, they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit shortly
2. The apostles question Jesus concerning the kingdom
 - a. Would He now restore the kingdom to Israel?
 - b. It is not for them to know the times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority
3. When the Spirit has come upon the apostles...
 - a. They shall receive power
 - b. They shall be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth

II. THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST (9-11)

A. JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN (9)

1. When He had spoken these words, while they watched
2. A cloud received Him out of their sight

B. THE PROMISE OF HIS RETURN (10-11)

1. While looking steadfastly as Jesus ascends, two men in white apparel stand by
2. They address the apostles
 - a. "Men of Galilee"
 - b. "Why do you stand gazing up into heaven?"
3. They promise Jesus will return
 - a. "This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven"
 - b. "Will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven"

III. THE WAITING IN JERUSALEM (12-14)

A. THE APOSTLES RETURN TO JERUSALEM (12)

1. From the mount called Olivet
2. About a Sabbath day's journey

B. THEY CONTINUE IN PRAYER (13-14)

1. In an upper room where they were staying
2. The names of the apostles: Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, Judas the son of James
3. They pray with the women, Mary the mother of Jesus, and His brothers

IV. THE SELECTION OF MATTHIAS (15-26)

A. THE COUNSEL OF PETER (15-22)

1. To about 120 disciples, of the need to replace Judas
 - a. His betrayal prophesied by the Spirit through David
 - 1) He became a guide to those who arrested Jesus
 - 2) Though he was numbered with the apostles and had a part in their ministry
 - b. His gruesome death described by Luke
 - 1) He purchased a field with the wages of iniquity (Mt 27:3-8)
 - 2) He fell headlong, burst open in the middle, entrails gushing out
 - 3) The field is called Akel Dama, Field of Blood
 - c. His end and replacement foretold in the Psalms
 - 1) "Let his dwelling place be desolate, And let no one live in it" (Psa 69:25)
 - 2) "Let another take his office" (Psa 109:8)
2. Stipulating requirements for one to be a witness of His resurrection with the apostles
 - a. Having accompanied the apostles all the time Jesus went in and out among them
 - b. Beginning from the baptism of John, until the day Jesus ascended to heaven

B. MATTHIAS NUMBERED WITH THE APOSTLES (23-26)

1. Two are proposed
 - a. Joseph called Barsabas and surnamed Justus
 - b. Matthias
2. Prayer is offered to the Lord, who knows the hearts of all
 - a. To show which of these two He has chosen
 - b. Who would take part in the ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell
3. Lots are cast
 - a. The lot fell on Matthias
 - b. He was numbered with the eleven apostles