



Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 1

Witness to the World

*"There is nothing today's church needs so much as to rediscover the doctrine, spirit, and commitments of the early Christian community."
James Montgomery Boice*

PREPARATION (1:1-26)

- Introduction to the book (1:1-3)
- The promise of the Spirit (1:4-8)
- The ascension of Jesus (1:9-11)
- The waiting for the Spirit (1:12-14)
- The selection of Matthias (1:15-26)
- Lessons

Verses

Luke 17:20-21 Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; 21 nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

Pro 16:33 The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.

Mat 19:28 Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

Acts 6:2 Matthias continued to be numbered as one of the Apostles throughout the rest of his life. the Apostles continued to be known as the "Twelve"

Psa 69:25 May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.

Psa 109:8 May his days be few; may another take his office!

1. The gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were both written by Luke to a man named Theophilus. What was the purpose of Luke's gospel? (vv. 1-2; Lk. 1:1-4)

2. What have the disciples been told to expect when the Spirit comes?
Lk. 24:49, Jn. 14:16-17, 26, Jn. 15:26, 27, Jn. 16:13-15

3. The disciples are still looking for an earthly Jewish monarchy (v. 6). How does Jesus redirect them?
v. 7

v. 8

4. In the ten-day period between Jesus' ascension and the giving of the Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:1), a group gathers of at least 120 believers.
 - a. Who do we see taking a role of leadership right away? (v. 15)

 - b. By what authority does he step into this role? (Mt. 16:15-19; Jn. 21:15-17;

5. As the disciples seek to find a replacement for Judas, what qualification do they see as most important? (vv. 21-22)

6. More than one person meets the qualification (v. 23) set forth to replace Judas.
 - a. What steps do they take to finalize the decision?(vv. 24-26)

 - b. What does this process reveal about where their trust lies? (vv. 24-26) Read Proverbs 16:23.

<https://cpcwomenblog.wordpress.com/>

kathyhoran@att.net