

Acts (of the Holy Spirit)

New Teaching Series Introduction

1. After Jesus' Resurrection, He Taught His Apostles.

Acts 1:1-3 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach² until the day He was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles He had chosen. ³After His suffering, He presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

2. Jesus Told Them to Wait for the Holy Spirit .

Acts 1:4-5 On one occasion, while He was eating with them, He gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift My Father promised, which you have heard Me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

3. They Were Also Told to Wait on the Restored Kingdom of Israel.

Acts 1:6-7 Then they gathered around Him and asked Him, "Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel? ⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

4. The Holy Spirit Was Key to the Plan .

Acts 1:8a But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

5. The Plan Was to Start as Witnesses in Jerusalem.

Acts 1:8b and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

6. That Was the Only Plan and Then Jesus Ascended into Heaven.

Acts 1:9-10 After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

7. That Plan – by the Spirit's Leading – Guides Us Until Jesus Returns .

Acts 1:11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven."