

## Power to Witness in Word and Deed

*The Book of Acts*

**Acts 1:1-11**

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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. All Jesus did and said was done through the Holy Spirit. How do we see this pattern continue? (v. 2)
3. Why was it vital for Jesus to give the disciples "convincing proofs that he was alive" (v. 3) after he suffered and died? (Acts 10:39-42; 1 Cor. 15:14-15, 17)
4. The kingdom the disciples have heard Jesus teach about (v. 3) is significantly different from the one the disciples are expecting (v. 6). Use the chart below to see some of these contrasts.

God's Kingdom	Misconceptions about	True Nature of
Lk. 17:20-21		
Mk. 10:42-45		
Jn. 18:33-37		

5. What final instructions does Jesus give his disciples? (v. 4)

Why must they do this? (vv. 4-5)

6. 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

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

v. 8

8. On the map, following the progression in Acts 1:8, draw concentric circles around each region to see how Christ's kingdom would grow and spread through the witness of the apostles.
9. The disciples are only concerned about the nation of Israel. Why would Jesus' description in verse 8 of the kingdom's expansion be more than they could ever have imagined?

How does this challenge you to move outside your comfort zone (crossing geographical, class, cultural, or racial barriers)?



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10. Why do you think Jesus chooses to have his disciples present when he is "taken up" (v. 9) into heaven?
11. What happens as the disciples are "looking intently up into the sky" (v. 10)? (vv. 10-11a)
12. What promise do these angels give the disciples? (v. 11b)

Read Luke 21:27-28 and John 14:1-3. How is the promise of his return encouraging to you?