

ACTS



The Story of the Church

¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³ After 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.

ACTS 1:1-3 NIV

The Holy Spirit

- **Comforter:** God with us
- **Counselor:** God in us
- **Commissioner:** God through us



⁴ 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. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

ACTS 1:4-6 NIV

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

ACTS 1:7-8 NIV

Mission Ready

- **Mission:** Witness = Observe + Obey

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them,
“All authority in heaven and on earth has been
given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples
of all nations, baptizing them in the name of
the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I
have commanded you. And behold, I am with
you always, to the end of the age.”

MATTHEW 28:18-20 ESV

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 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.”

ACTS 1:9-11 NIV

Mission Ready

- **Mission:** Witness = Observe + Obey

What am I observing?

¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

ACTS 1:13-14 NIV

Mission Ready

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What am I observing?

- **Strategy:** Inside Out Living

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us,
²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

ACTS 1:21-22 NIV

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.” ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

ACTS 1:23-26 NIV

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What am I observing?

- **Strategy:** Inside Out Living

What's beneath the surface?

⁷ The LORD doesn't see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

1 SAMUEL 16:7 NLT

¹⁷ Samuel said, “Although you were once small in your own eyes, did you not become the head of the tribes of Israel? The LORD anointed you king over Israel.

1 SAMUEL 15:17 NLT

²³ Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 139:23-24 NIV