

Acts 1

Chapter Guided Discovery

Jesus prepares His followers to wait, pray, and witness in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Scripture Spotlight

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."



CHAPTER SUMMARY

Acts 1 shows the risen Jesus teaching His apostles, promising the Holy Spirit, and ascending into heaven. The believers return to Jerusalem, pray together, and seek God's direction as Matthias is chosen to take Judas's place among the apostles.



CORE TRUTH

Jesus did not leave His followers without direction or help. He gave them a mission, promised the Holy Spirit's power, and taught them to wait on God before moving forward.



DID YOU KNOW?

Acts begins as the second part of Luke's account to Theophilus. Luke first wrote about what Jesus did and taught on earth. Acts continues the story by showing how the risen Christ worked through His apostles by the Holy Spirit.



QUICK TAKEAWAY

- Jesus is alive and gave many proofs.
- The Holy Spirit gives power for witness.
- God's people must wait and pray.
- Scripture helped guide the apostles' decision.
- Jesus will return as surely as He ascended.

1 FILL IN THE BLANKS

WORD BANK

Spirit Jerusalem cloud Olivet prayer Matthias

1. Jesus told the apostles to wait in _____ for the Father's promise.
2. The apostles would receive power when the Holy _____ came upon them.
3. A _____ received Jesus out of their sight as He ascended.
4. The apostles returned from the Mount called _____.
5. The believers continued together in _____.
6. _____ was chosen to be numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 MATCH IT

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| 1. Theophilus | A. One of the two men proposed to replace Judas |
| 2. Mount Olivet | B. The place from which the apostles returned to Jerusalem |
| 3. Upper room | C. The recipient connected with Luke's written account |
| 4. Judas | D. The man chosen and numbered with the apostles |
| 5. Joseph called Barsabas | E. The place where the believers gathered after returning |
| 6. Matthias | F. The former apostle whose place needed to be filled |

3 MULTIPLE CHOICE

1. What did Jesus command the apostles to do before beginning their public witness?
A. Leave Jerusalem immediately B. Wait for the Father's promise
C. Choose a new Roman governor D. Return to Galilee permanently
2. What question did the apostles ask Jesus?
A. Whether He would restore the kingdom to Israel at that time
B. Whether they should rebuild the temple
C. Whether they should stop preaching
D. Whether they should choose Paul as an apostle
3. What did the two men in white tell the apostles after Jesus ascended?
A. Jesus would never return
B. Jesus would return in like manner
C. The apostles should stay on the mountain forever
D. Jerusalem would be destroyed that same day
4. What did the believers do before Matthias was chosen?
A. They argued until one side won
B. They prayed for the Lord to show His choice
C. They asked Pilate for permission
D. They waited for Rome to decide

4 PUT IN ORDER

Number these events in the correct order.

- _____ Peter explained from Scripture that Judas's place needed to be filled.
- _____ Jesus was taken up while the apostles watched.
- _____ The believers gathered in prayer with one accord.
- _____ Jesus told the apostles to wait in Jerusalem for the Father's promise.
- _____ Matthias was numbered with the eleven apostles.
- _____ The apostles returned to Jerusalem from Mount Olivet.

5 TRUE OR FALSE

- _____ 1. Jesus showed Himself alive after His suffering by many proofs.
- _____ 2. Jesus told the apostles that the exact times and seasons belonged to the Father's authority.
- _____ 3. The apostles were told to begin their mission in Rome before Jerusalem.
- _____ 4. The believers gathered in prayer after Jesus ascended.
- _____ 5. Peter ignored Scripture when discussing Judas's replacement.
- _____ 6. Matthias was chosen after prayer and the casting of lots.

6 SHORT ANSWER

1. What mission did Jesus give His followers in Acts 1:8?
2. Why did the apostles return to Jerusalem after Jesus ascended?
3. What does Acts 1 show about the importance of prayer?
4. How can believers today be faithful witnesses where God has placed them?



NOTES & THOUGHTS



PERSONAL REFLECTION

In this season I Will...



PRAYER PROMPT

Ask God to help you wait faithfully, pray sincerely, and depend on the Holy Spirit's power. Pray for courage to be a truthful witness for Jesus at home, in your church, and wherever He sends you.



REMEMBER

Before the church moved outward in witness, the believers waited together in obedience, prayer, and trust.