

## GOING FORWARD IN FAITH

# ACTS 1 *Guided Discovery*

WITNESSES of JESUS, EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT,  
SENT to the NATIONS

### KEY VERSE:

“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.”

— ACTS 1:8

### CHAPTER SUMMARY

After rising, Jesus spends 40 days with His disciples, teaching them about the kingdom of God. He commands them to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit, promises His return, and ascends into heaven. The disciples then pray together and choose Matthias to replace Judas.

### KEY THEMES

- ✓ The ascension of Jesus
- ✓ The promise of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Unity and prayer among believers
- ✓ Witnessing from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth
- ✓ God’s sovereignty in leadership

### DID YOU KNOW?

The number 40 appears five times in Acts 1: Jesus was with His disciples for 40 days (v. 3); He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem (v. 4); He was seen by them for 40 days (v. 3); the apostles remained together for 10 days (v. 14); 120 believers were present (v. 15).

### QUICK TAKEAWAY

- ✓ Jesus finished His mission on earth and returned to heaven.
- ✓ We are not left alone—God keeps His promise.
- ✓ Prayer and unity prepare us for God’s power.
- ✓ Our mission is to be witnesses everywhere, for everyone.

### ♥ I WILL...

In this season, I want to grow in...

## 1 FILL IN THE BLANK

Use the Word Bank to complete the statements.

#### WORD BANK

ascended Holy Spirit kingdom witness  
Jerusalem power forty apostles

1. Jesus appeared to His disciples for \_\_\_\_\_ days (v. 3).
2. Jesus spoke of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God (v. 3).
3. Do not leave \_\_\_\_\_, but wait (v. 4).
4. You shall receive \_\_\_\_\_ when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (v. 8).
5. You shall be My \_\_\_\_\_ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth (v. 8).
6. He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight—He \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 9).

## 2 MATCH IT

Match each description on the left with the person or group on the right.

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|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. Was taken up into heaven                 | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | A. The disciples |
| 2. Two men in white garments                | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | B. Matthias      |
| 3. Chosen to replace Judas                  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | C. Jesus         |
| 4. Asked if Jesus would restore the kingdom | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | D. The apostles  |
| 5. Devoted themselves to prayer             | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | E. The angels    |

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## 3 TRUE OR FALSE

Write T for True or F for False.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Jesus told the disciples to meet Him on a mountain in Galilee.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Jesus told them to leave Jerusalem and preach in all nations immediately.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. A cloud hid Jesus from their sight.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. The disciples returned to Jerusalem with great joy.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. They chose Matthias by casting lots.



Jerusalem

## 4 SEQUENCE THE EVENTS

Number 1-5 to put Acts 1 in order.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus was taken up into heaven.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The disciples asked about the kingdom.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The disciples prayed in one accord.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus spent 40 days teaching.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Matthias was chosen to replace Judas.

prayer and waiting

## 5 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

1. **How long was Jesus with His disciples after His resurrection?**  
A. 20 days B. 30 days C. 40 days D. 50 days
2. **What would the disciples receive?**  
A. Wealth B. Power C. Fame D. A crown
3. **Where were they to be witnesses first?**  
A. Samaria B. Jerusalem C. Rome D. Galilee
4. **How was Matthias chosen?**  
A. By vote B. By lot C. By drawing names D. By age

## 6 SHORT ANSWER

Answer in your own words.

1. What did Jesus command His disciples to do before receiving the Holy Spirit? (v. 4)  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What is our mission as witnesses? (v. 8)  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why is unity in prayer important? (v. 14)  
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### PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

JESUS – Ascended to heaven  
THE DISCIPLES – Obeyed and waited  
MATTHIAS – Chosen to take Judas’ place  
TWO ANGELS – Gave the promise of return

### CORE VERSE INSIGHT

The Holy Spirit empowers believers not for comfort, but for mission.  
We are witnesses because Jesus is alive and in control.  
— Acts 1:8

### PERSONAL REFLECTION

One way I can be a better witness for Jesus this week is...

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### PRAYER PROMPT

Lord Jesus, thank You for the Holy Spirit who empowers me. Help me to be Your witness wherever You send me. Amen.

**REMEMBER: We are called, empowered, and sent.**

“He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” — *Philippians 1:6*