

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 promised Holy Spirit, then ascends into heaven. The disciples pray together, receive the promise that Jesus will return, 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?

Acts 1 includes several important numbers: Jesus appeared to His disciples during 40 days (v. 3); about 120 believers were gathered together (v. 15); and Matthias was chosen to join the eleven apostles (v. 26). These details show that God was preparing His people for the mission ahead.

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 witnesses
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 _____ to Me 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 | • | A. The disciples |
| 2. Two men in white garments | • | B. Matthias |
| 3. Chosen to replace Judas | • | C. Jesus |
| 4. Asked if Jesus would restore the kingdom | • | D. The believers |
| 5. Devoted themselves to prayer | • | E. The angels |



REMEMBER: We are called, empowered, and sent.

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



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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 from the Mount of Olives.
- _____ 5. They chose Matthias by casting lots.



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.



5 MULTIPLE CHOICE

Circle the best answer.

- How long was Jesus with the disciples after His resurrection?

A. 20 days	B. 30 days
C. 40 days	D. 50 days
- What would the disciples receive?

A. Wealth	B. Power
C. Fame	D. A crown
- Where were they to be witnesses first?

A. Samaria	B. Jerusalem
C. Rome	D. Galilee
- How was Matthias chosen?

A. By vote	B. By casting lots
C. By drawing names	D. By age



6 SHORT ANSWER

Answer in your own words.

- What did Jesus command His disciples to do before receiving the Holy Spirit? (v. 4)
- What is our mission as witnesses? (v. 8)
- Why is unity in prayer important? (v. 14)



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 merely for comfort, but for mission. As we witness 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:



PRAYER PROMPT

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



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