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Acts 1:1-11

“Between the Lightning and the Thunder”

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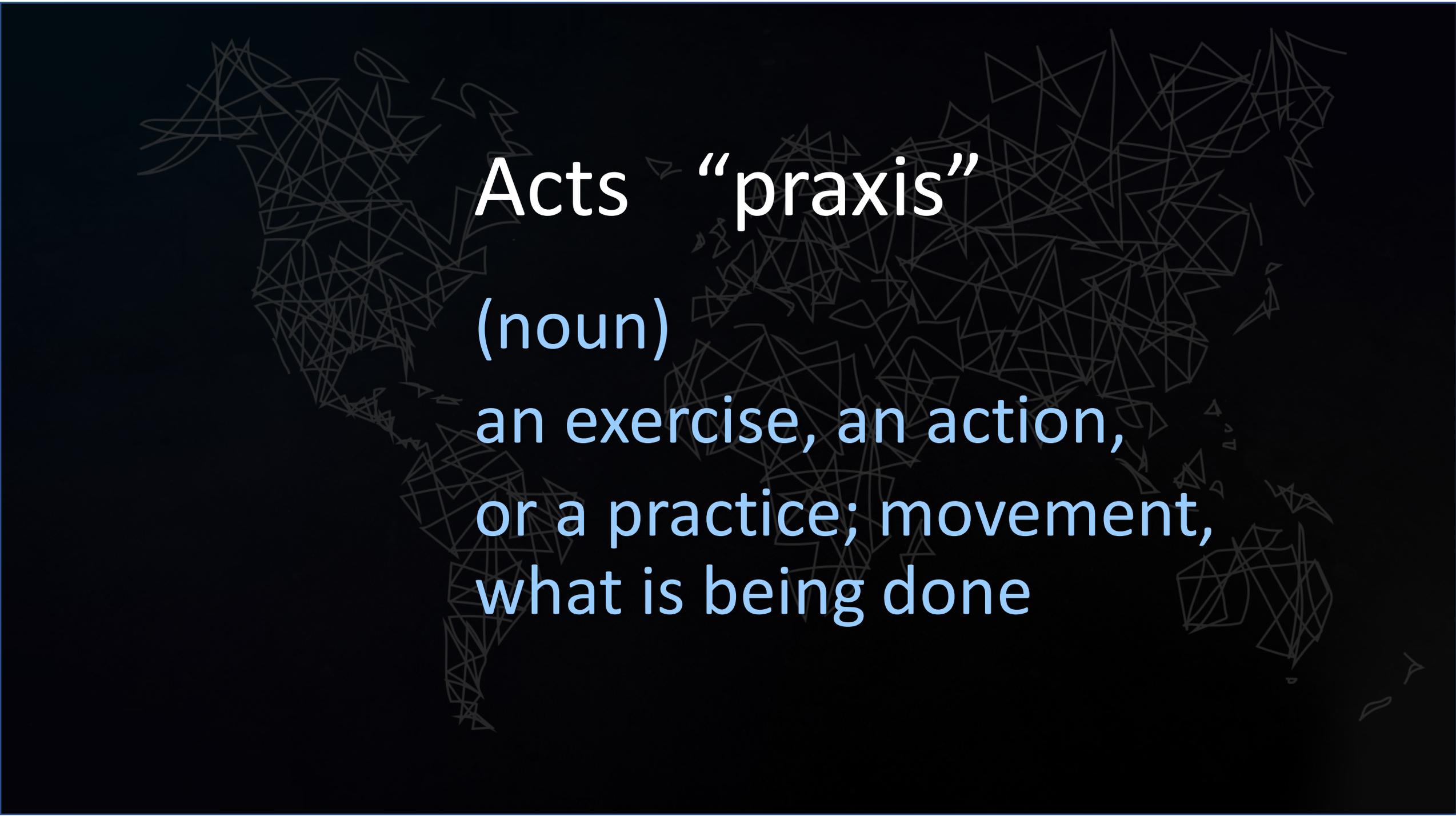
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Acts “praxis”

(noun)

an exercise, an action,
or a practice; movement,
what is being done

A world map is depicted using a complex network of white, overlapping geometric lines, primarily triangles and polygons, set against a dark blue background. The lines are dense and chaotic, creating a textured, wireframe effect that outlines the continents. The map is centered horizontally and vertically, with the text overlaid on it.

The “Praxis” of the Apostles

Acts

written by Luke

a physician

a non-Jew from Antioch

an early follower of Jesus

a friend of Paul

Paul's traveling companion (16:10)

writer of the Gospel of Luke

a detailed historian and scholar

Luke 1:1-2

¹ “Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word.”

Luke 1:3-4

³ “With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

Luke 3:1-2

³ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar—when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene—² during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.

Luke 24:50-52

⁵⁰ When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

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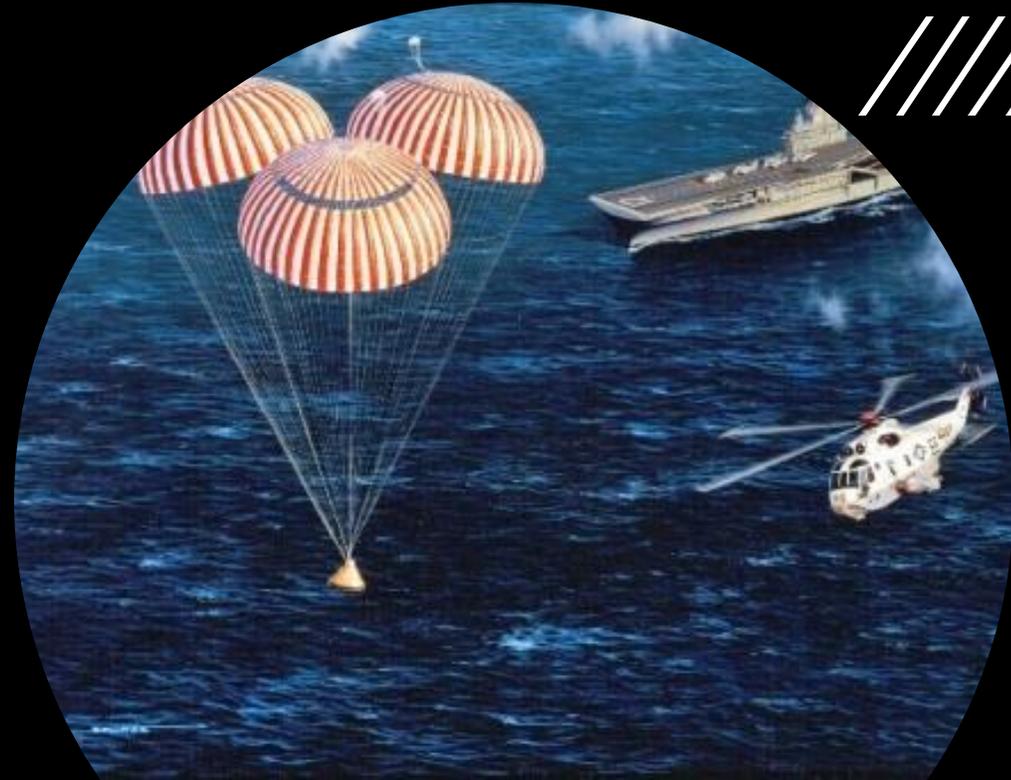
Acts 1:1-2

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.



The Chapel of the Ascension

July 24, 1969, on the USS
Hornet, the return of the
Apollo 11 crew:
Neil Armstrong, Michael
Collins and Buzz Aldrin



A black and white photograph capturing a massive public celebration. The scene is filled with a dense crowd of people, many of whom are waving their hands and holding up American flags. The air is thick with falling confetti, creating a sense of joy and festivity. In the foreground, several men in suits are visible, some with their arms raised in a gesture of welcome or approval. The background shows a street lined with buildings, with more flags and confetti visible in the distance. The overall atmosphere is one of a significant and joyous public event.

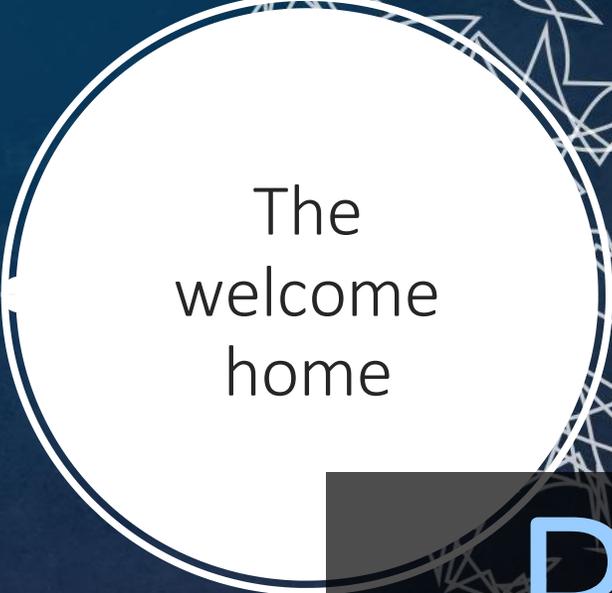
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Daniel 7:13-14



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¹³ “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.”



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Revelation 5



Jesus is Lord!

Phillipians 2:9-11

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

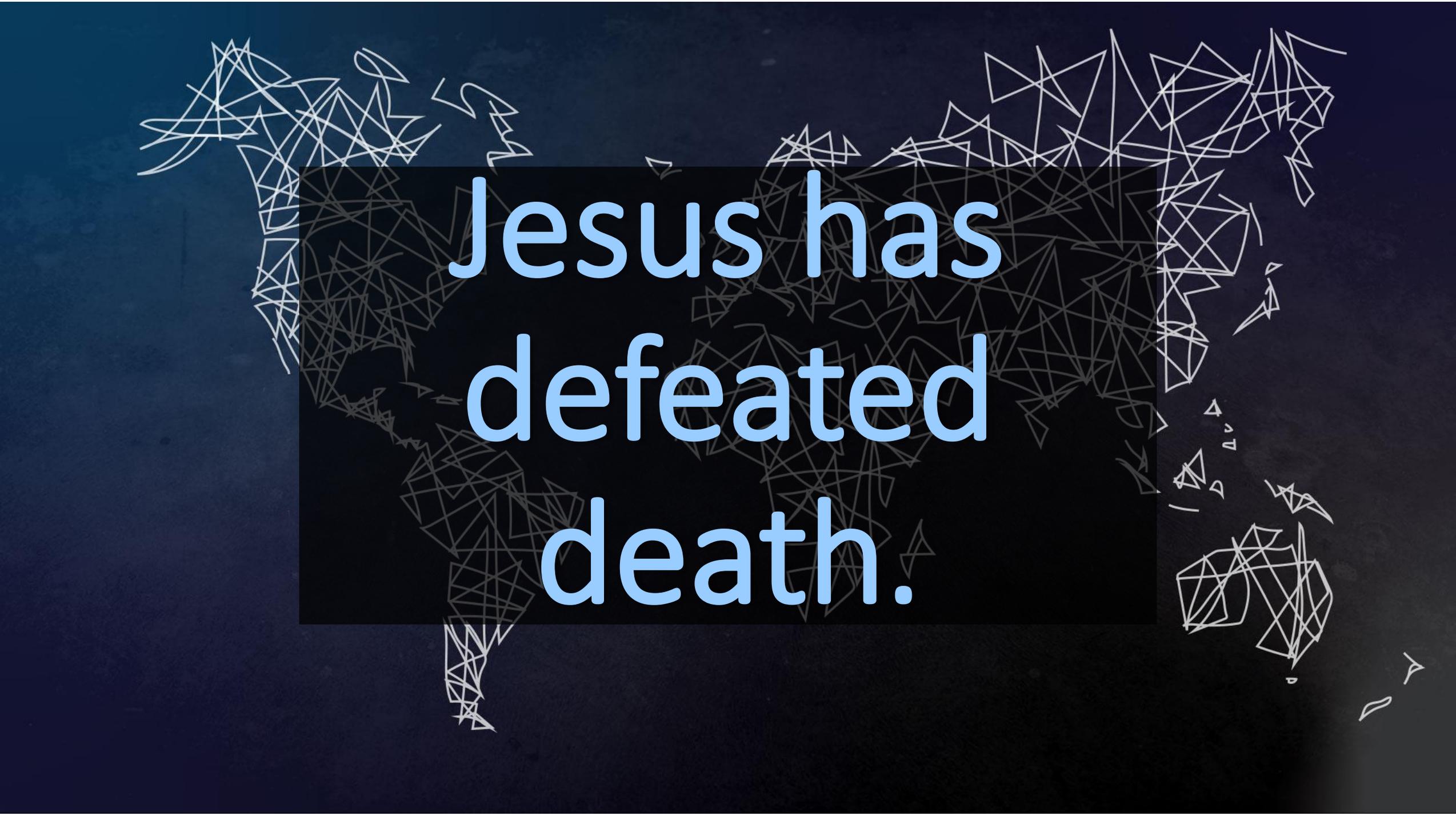
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Acts 1:3

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.



Jesus has
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death.

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Acts 1:4-5

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.”

A world map is depicted using a dense network of white, hand-drawn scribbled lines on a dark blue background. The lines are most concentrated in the landmasses, creating a textured, organic appearance. A solid black rectangular box is centered over the map, containing the text "God's Spirit is with us." in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

God's Spirit
is with us.



Roald Admunson, 1925



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Acts 1:6-7

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

Acts 1:6-7

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.”



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(How easy we
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Acts 1:9-11

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.”



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