

Jesus For All

Week 1: Living for Something Bigger

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Scripture:

Acts 1:1-11

Motivation (Why You Need to Know It):

Very few things in life are FOR ALL.

Haunted houses aren't for everyone. Here's why (*[pics of reactions](#)*).

Over the next couple weeks, we're going to look at Jesus For All.

- He's worth worshipping, living for, and telling others about
- We should value Him above all else

Five Values that Guide Decisions and Behaviors:

God – The Holy Spirit of God and the Word of God Enable Us to Do the Will of God

Giftings - Together We Can Do More

Generosity - Do for One What We Wish We Could Do for All

Gathering - The Larger We Grow, the Smaller We Must Grow

Gospel - Every Member a Minister of the Gospel

What does the last one mean?

Every person makes every effort to share the good news. Pray for it. Proclaim it. Physically demonstrate it.

Information (What You Need to Know):

There's no better place to start than Acts when talking about Jesus For All.

Facts About Acts:

Sequel Written by Luke to Theophilus

Acts 1:1 (NLT) In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach

- ✓ Luke never met Jesus (not one of 12; probably interviewed/investigated Matthew and Luke; traveled with Paul and Mark)
- ✓ A Gentile doctor (only non-Jew to write a NT book; Luke focused on healings)
- ✓ Recipient was Theophilus (high-ranking official)

Luke 1:3 (NLT) Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write an accurate account for you, most honorable Theophilus, so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

Jesus' Death/Resurrection Behind; Jesus' Ascension Ahead (40 Day Span)

Acts 1:1 (NLT) In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach **2** until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. **3** During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive.

Expansion of Gospel from Jews to the World (church begins)

Acts 1:3 (NLT) ...And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

- ✓ The apostles thought this kingdom would mean Israel's freedom from Rome
- Acts 1:6 (NLT)** So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" **7** He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know.
- ✓ Jesus taught this kingdom would mean salvation and freedom from sin

"The 'kingdom of God' means not an earthly political or military kingdom but the present spiritually directed reign of God, gradually transforming individual lives and entire cultures through the power of the Holy Spirit." – ESV Study Bible

- Transformation of individuals
- Transformation of families
- Transformation of churches
- Transformation of neighborhoods
- Transformation of cities
- Transformation of nations
- Transformation of entire cultures

Application (What You Need To Do):

How will this be done?

Acts 1:8 (NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

You, filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, will be witnesses of Jesus’ death for sin and His resurrection for new and eternal life.

Romans 10:13 (NLT) For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” **14** But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

Pray for it.

Proclaim it.

Physically demonstrate it.