

## I. The Careful Reminder (1-3)

- A. **Jesus had appeared (1)** - Luke's Gospel revealed “...all that Jesus began both to do and teach.”
- B. **Jesus had ascended (2a)** - “Until the day when He was taken up...”
- C. **Jesus had appointed (2b)** - “...after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen.”
- D. **Jesus had affirmed (3)** - “To them He presented Himself alive after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.”

## II. The Calm Revolution (4-8)

- A. **He spoke of a new dependence (4)** - “And while staying with them He ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from Me;”
- B. **He spoke of a new dynamic (5)** - “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
- C. **He spoke of a new discipline (6-7)** - “So when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.”
- D. **He spoke of a new dawning (8)** - “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## III. The Coming Redemption (9-11)

- A. **The trust of Jesus (9)** - “And when He had said these things, as they were looking on, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight.” **By leaving, Jesus entrusted His ongoing work to the church**
- B. **The tendency of Christians (10-11a)** - “While they were gazing into heaven as He went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?”
- C. **The truth for today (11b)** - “And this Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.”