

# HIStory: Seeing God's Plan in the Bible



Creation → Sin → Flood → Promise → Jesus → Eternity

\* God (creation), Adam and Eve (sin), Noah, Abraham, Moses, 10 Commandments, tabernacle, prophecies about Jesus, Jesus on Earth

## Jesus Returns to Heaven (Acts 1: 6-11)

- Jesus' Final Instructions to His followers (vv.1:6-8)

\* "Witness" = same concept as a modern-day witness in court

	Acts 1:8	Matthew 28:18-20	Mark 16:15	Luke 24:46-48
Command	Be a witness for Him	Make disciples (followers of Jesus)	Proclaim the Gospel	Be witnesses of what Jesus did
Promise	God's power through you	I will be with you		God's power through you
Plan	Start in your community first	Teach	Go to the whole world	

**Summery:** We are commanded to be witnesses to proclaim the good news of what Jesus did for us with the goal of seeing others accept His gift. Our plan is to start with those around us and then spread out from there. We are promised to have God's presence with us and His power working through us as we teach others about Him.

- Jesus Ascends Back to Heaven (vv. 9-11)

\* Jesus rose out of sight as they all watched

\* The angels' message

+ "This Jesus" – indicates the same Jesus they all knew, loved, and followed

+ "In the same way" –Jesus will return one day in the same way

**About Jesus:** Jesus returned to Heaven after His job on earth was finished. He gave final instructions to His followers.

**Big Picture:** Jesus' reason for coming to earth (and the focus of the whole Bible until then) is accomplished. Now the Bible turns its focus to the results of His work and the future. (we'll look at this in the final 2 weeks)

**Application:** Jesus' final instructions to His followers: "Go and be a witness of what I have done for you"

- If you have accepted Jesus' gift of forgiveness, are you obeying His instruction for sharing this great news with those around you?
- Who has God put in your life who He wants you to be a witness to?
- Have you accepted Jesus' gift of forgiveness and a personal relationship with God?