

## **ACTS 1:1-3**

The first account I composed (the book of Luke), Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had given orders by the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. <sup>3</sup> To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of things regarding the kingdom of God.

## ACTS 1:4-6

<sup>4</sup> Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

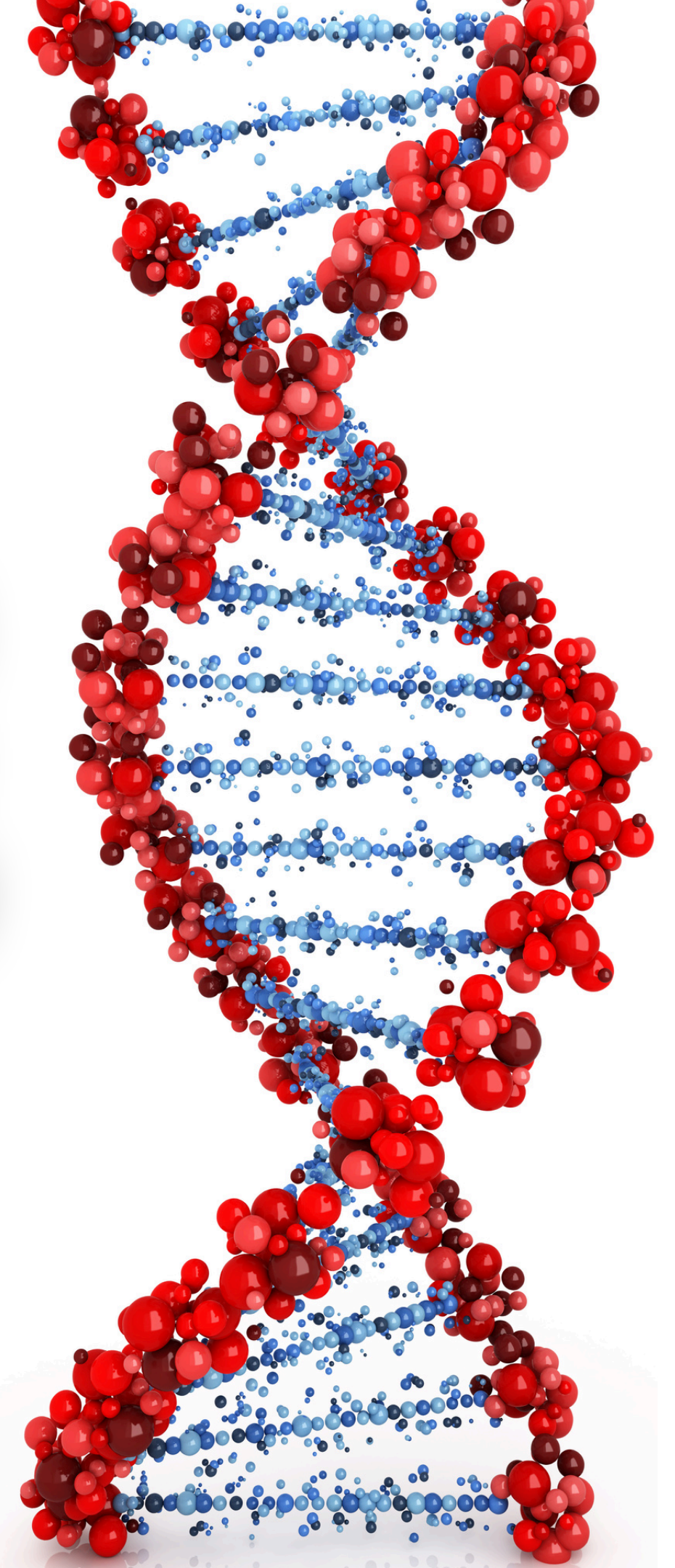
## **ACTS 1:7-9**

<sup>7</sup> But He said to them, “It is not for you to know periods of time or appointed times which the Father has set by His own authority; <sup>8</sup> but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth.”<sup>9</sup> And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were watching, and a cloud took Him up, out of their sight.

- **I need you to be together**
- **I need you to wait**
- **I need you to stay focused**

# WE ARE

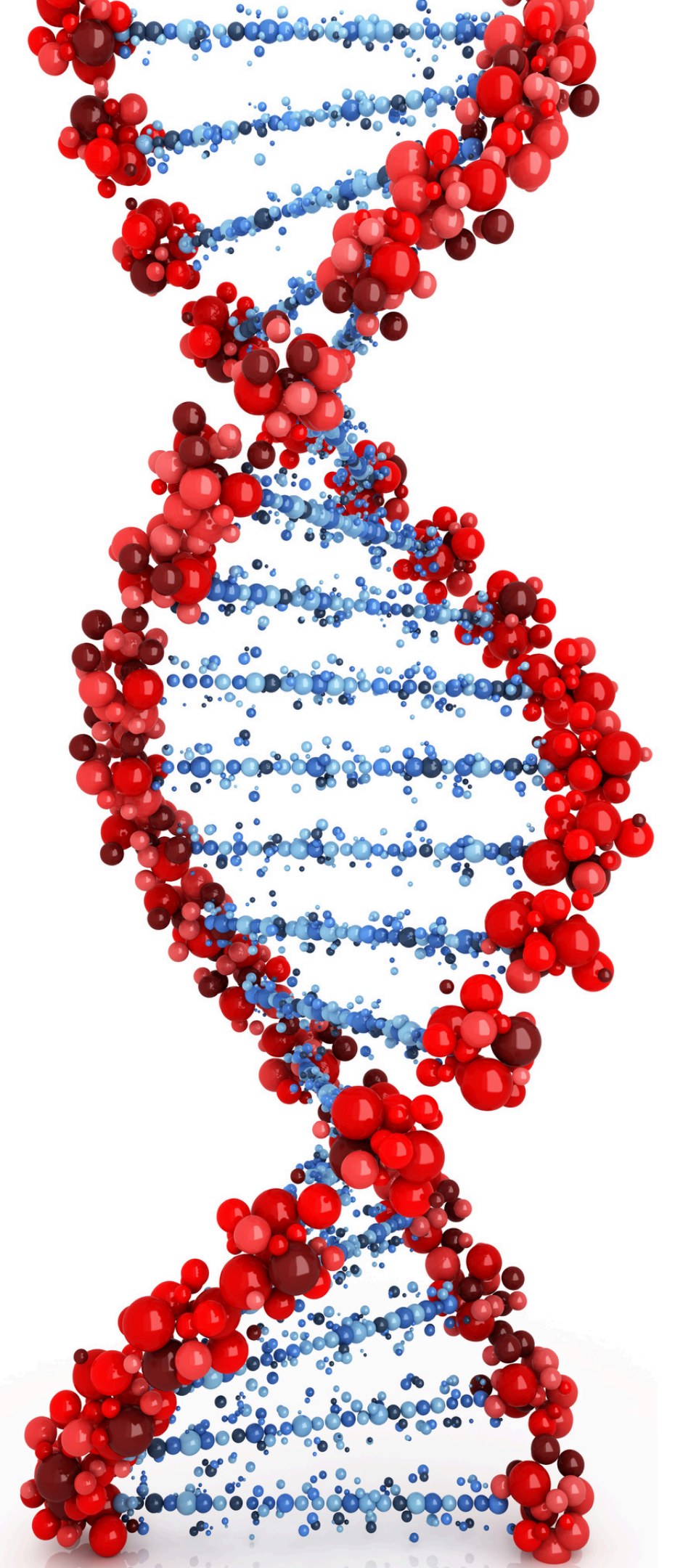
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*His Witnesses*

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## JOHN 17:21-23

<sup>21</sup> May they all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us, so that the world may believe you sent me. <sup>22</sup> I have given them the glory you have given me, **so that they may be one as we are one.** <sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me.

# ACTS 1:4

4 Gathering them together, **He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem**, but to wait for what the Father had promised,

A stylized map showing the regions of Samaria and Judea. Samaria is the northern region, colored yellow, and Judea is the southern region, colored green. The Mediterranean Sea is shown to the west in light blue, and the Dead Sea is to the east in a darker blue. A red oval highlights a black dot representing Jerusalem, which is located in the southern part of Samaria, just north of the border with Judea. The text 'SAMARIA' is written in large, bold, black capital letters in the upper part of the yellow region, and 'JUDEA' is written in the same style in the lower part of the green region. The text '● Jerusalem' is placed next to the black dot within the red oval.

**SAMARIA**

● Jerusalem

**JUDEA**

**Jesus did not tell  
them to build  
influence.**

**Jesus did not tell  
them to gain  
power.**

**Jesus did not tell  
them to control  
the culture.**

**He told them to  
wait for the Holy  
Spirit and be His  
witnesses.**

*Because He is,*

**WE ARE**

**WE ARE**

*His Witnesses*

**Leader:** We are the body of Christ. We are The Church. Christ is risen and we have been baptized by the Holy Spirit.

**Church:** We are His witnesses.

**All Together:**

We testify to the risen Christ.

We live for His mission.

We carry His name into our city and beyond.