EXPERIENCE BEGINNINGS



In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 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; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

COME TOGETHER





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THE FIRST BOOK = Luke's Gospel THEOPHILUS = Luke's Friend ("friend of God") ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH = Luke's sources



INFALLIBLE EVIDENCE

1. His resurrection was unexpected to them. 2. Deception was impossible because of their association. 3. A mass hallucination is unreasonable. 4. His personal identity was verified over a long period of time. 5. He was seen at multiple locations. 6. His disposition remained the same.





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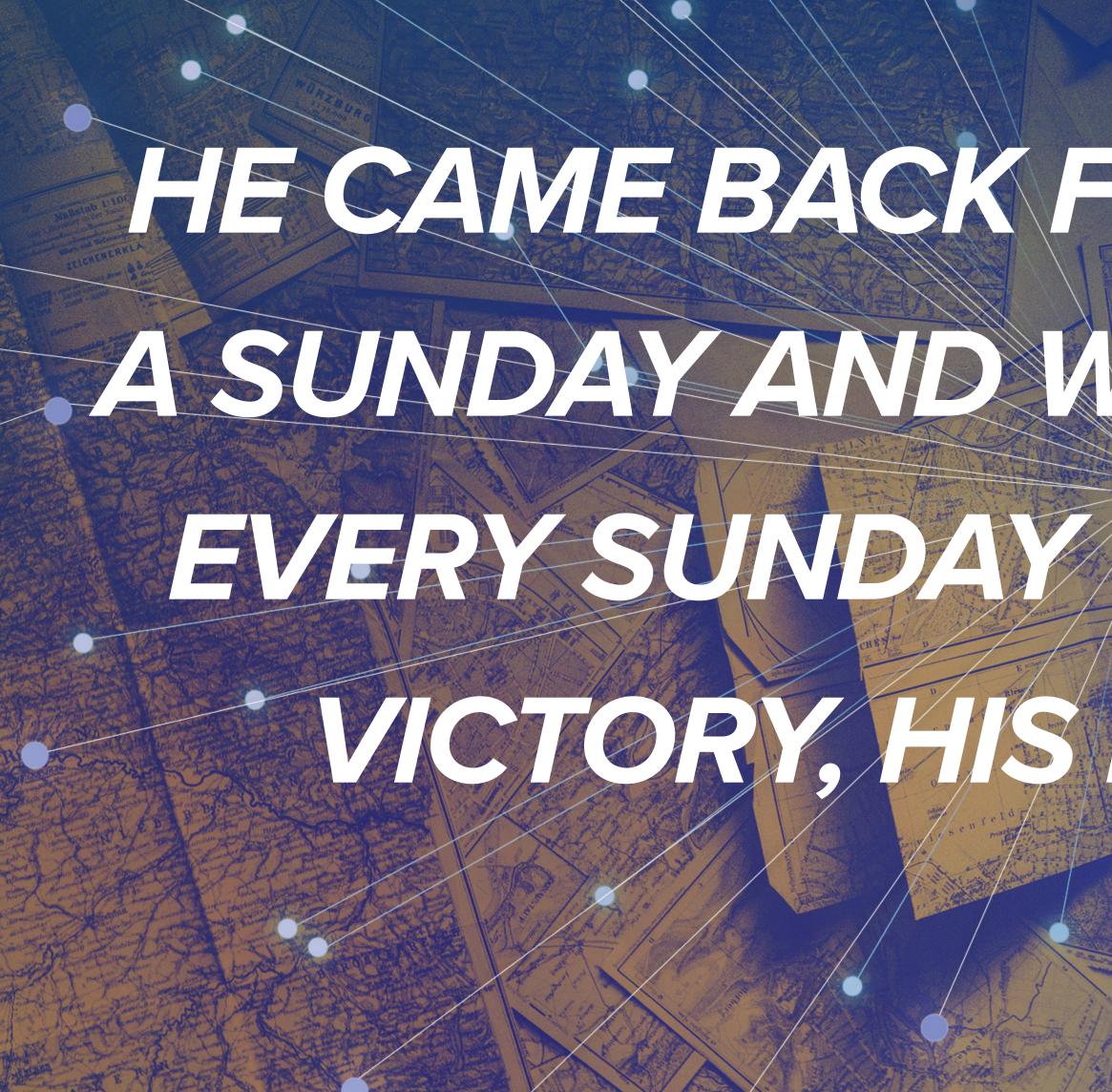
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"BUT YOU WILL BE BAPTIZED (IMMERSED) BY THE HOLY SPIRIT"

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HE CAME BACK FROM THE DEAD ON A SUNDAY AND WE COME TOGETHER EVERY SUNDAY TO CELEBRATE HIS VICTORY, HIS LIFE, HIS GLORY!



So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But 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."

COME TOGETHER





I. THEY CAME TOGETHER FOR HIS GREAT COMMISSION. 1:6-8

A. Our coming together is around HIM. (v. 6)

B. Our coming together provides answers. (v. 7)

C. Our coming together inspires us to be going out. (v. 8)



II. THEY CAME TOGETHER FOR HIS GREAT COMMISSION. 1:6-8

The utimate aure for infighting is outreach!



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KNOW THIS: 1. You will receive power - YOU HAVE IT! 2. You will be my witnesses - GO DO IT!



HE CAME TO SAVE THE WORLD AND WE COME TOGETHER EVERY SUNDAY TO SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!



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. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

COME TOGETHER





III. THEY CAME TOGETHER AT HIS GLORIOUS ASCENSION. 1:9-11

A. He went through the clouds. (v. 9)

B. He went with angelic testimony. (v. 10)

C. He will return. (v. 11



HE IS COMING BACK AGAIN AND

WE WILL COME TOGETHER EVERY SUNDAY UNTIL HE DOES!

