

# I Believe

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I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.”

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## Acts 1:1-3

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. 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. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

The book of Acts is  
addressed to a  
Theophilus

## Matthew 27: 62 - 65

“The next day, the one after Preparation Day, the chief priests and the Pharisees went to Pilate. ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘we remember that while he was still alive that deceiver said, ‘After three days I will rise again.’ So give the order for the tomb to be made secure until the third day. Otherwise, his disciples may come and steal the body and tell the people that he has been raised from the dead. This last deception will be worse than the first.’ ‘Take a guard,’ Pilate answered. ‘Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how.’ So they went and made the tomb secure by putting a seal on the stone and posting the guard.

The Pharisees took  
much precaution  
after the Crucifixion

Acts 1:4-5

Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

## Acts 2: 1 - 12

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

## Acts 2: 1 - 12 cont.

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers. They were completely amazed. “How can this be?” they exclaimed. “These people are all from Galilee, and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!

## Acts 2: 1 - 12 cont.

9 Here we are—Parthians, Medes, Elamites, people from Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, the province of Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the areas of Libya around Cyrene, visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism), Cretans, and Arabs. And we all hear these people speaking in our own languages about the wonderful things God has done!” They stood there amazed and perplexed. “What can this mean?” they asked each other.

The Holy Spirit came  
directly onto the  
Disciples in what looked  
like tongues of fire





Shavout is the  
celebration of two  
things, the wheat  
harvest but mainly the  
giving of the Torah

The Holy Spirit is meant  
for EVERYONE!

## Acts 1:6

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?”

Acts 1:7 - 8

He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. 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.”

Matthew 28:19 - 20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching  
them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
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come upon you, you will be my  
witnesses.

## Acts 1:9 - 11

After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!”

“So the ascension is not meant to make us wonder where Jesus has gone. Instead it ought to elicit the psalmist’s question, ‘Where can I go from Your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?’” (ps. 139:7)

-Ben Myers

The Ascension of Jesus is not  
the end of the road of our  
Christian journey, it is actually  
the beginning.

From there He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.”



2 Timothy 4:1

“In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:”

2 Timothy 4:2

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage— with great patience and careful instruction.

Because Jesus sits on the right  
hand of God the Father  
Almighty and judges fairly of  
all living and dead, we can go  
and proclaim the truth.

“The divine judgment does not primarily bring punishment on sinners, It operates only by separating good from evil and pulling the soul toward communion in blessedness. It is the tearing apart of what has grown together which brings pain to the one who is being pulled.”

-Gregory of Nyssa



Jesus died, was buried, rose again, taught  
for 40 days, ascended, poured out His  
Spirit and gave us FULL PERMISSION to  
go and spread His word.

Let your life be a living testament to the  
goodness and grace of the Lord.