

Acts 1:1-8 ESV

- (1) In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,
(2) until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit **to the apostles whom He had chosen.**
(3) 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.
(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;
(5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
(6) 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.
(8) 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.”

Acts 1:9-11 ESV

- (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.**
(10) And 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? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, **will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.**”

Revelation 1:7 ESV

- (7) Behold, **He is coming with the clouds,** and **every eye will see Him,** even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

Zechariah 14:4 ESV

- (4) On that day **His feet shall stand on the Mount of Olives** that lies before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall be split in two from east to west by a very wide valley, so that one half of the Mount shall move northward, and the other half southward.

1 Corinthians 15:51-53 ESV

- (51) Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
(52) **in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye,** at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and **the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.**
(53) For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV

- (13) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.
(14) For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep.
(15) For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, **will not precede those who have fallen asleep.**
(16) For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. **And the dead in Christ will rise first.**
(17) Then we who are alive, **who are left, will be caught up together with them** in the clouds **to meet the Lord in the air,** and so we will always be with the Lord.
(18) Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Acts 1:12 ESV

(12) Then they returned to Jerusalem **from the mount called Olivet**, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

Acts 1:13-14 ESV

(13) And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, **Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.**

(14) All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Acts 1:15 ESV

(15) In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said,

Acts 1:16-17 ESV

(16) "Brothers, **the Scripture had to be fulfilled**, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

(17) For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry."

Acts 1:18-20 ESV

(18) (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.

(19) And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

(20) "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, "'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and "'**Let another take his office.**'"

Psalms 109:1-10 ESV

(1) **To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.** Be not silent, O God of my praise!

(2) For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues.

(3) They encircle me with words of hate, and attack me without cause.

(4) In return for my love they accuse me, but I give myself to prayer.

(5) So they reward me evil for good, and hatred for my love.

(6) Appoint a wicked man against him; let an accuser stand at his right hand.

(7) When he is tried, let him come forth guilty; let his prayer be counted as sin!

(8) May his days be few; **may another take his office!**

(9) May his children be fatherless and his wife a widow!

(10) May his children wander about and beg, seeking food far from the ruins they inhabit!

Acts 1:21-22 ESV

(21) **So** one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

(22) beginning from the baptism of John until the day when He was taken up from us—one of these men **must** become with us a witness to His resurrection."

Acts 1:23 ESV

(23) And **they put forward two**, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias.

Acts 1:24-25 ESV

(24) **And they prayed** and said, “You, Lord, **who know the hearts of all**, show **which one of these two You have chosen**

(25) to take the place in this ministry and **apostleship** from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.”

Psalm 139:1-6 ESV

(1) **To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.** O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

(2) You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.

(3) You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

(4) Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.

(5) You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

(6) Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.

Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

(23) Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!

(24) And see if there be any grievous way in me, **and lead me in the way everlasting!**

Acts 1:26 ESV

(26) And **they cast lots** for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Proverbs 16:33 ESV

(33) The lot is cast into the lap, but **its every decision is from the LORD.**

John 16:12-15 ESV

(12) “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

(13) **When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth**, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come.

(14) He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.

(15) All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that **He will take what is mine and declare it to you.**

Revelation 21:12-14 ESV

(12) It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—

(13) on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates.

(14) And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and **on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.**

Matthew 19:28 ESV

(28) Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you who have followed me will also **sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.**

John 13:16 ESV

(16) Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a **messenger** greater than the one who sent him.

John 13:16 YLT

(16) verily, verily, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his lord, nor an **apostle** greater than he who sent him;

Ephesians 1:1 ESV

(1) Paul, **an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God**, To the saints who are in Ephesus, and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

Galatians 1:1 ESV

(1) Paul, **an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ** and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—

1 Corinthians 15:6-11 ESV

(6) Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

(7) Then He appeared to James, **then to all the apostles.**

(8) **Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.**

(9) **For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle,** because I persecuted the church of God.

(10) **But by the grace of God I am what I am**, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

(11) Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 Corinthians 9:1-6 ESV

(1) Am I not free? **Am I not an apostle?** Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord?

(2) **If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you**, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Hebrews 13:20-21 ESV

(20) Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant,

(21) **equip you with everything good that you may do His will**, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

(3) **His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him** who called us to His own glory and excellence,

(4) by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.