



The Mission Continues

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Introduction to Acts:

Author: Luke, a Greek physician

Date: A.D. 60-62 (before the end of Paul's first Roman imprisonment)

Purpose: To give Theophilus (and others who would read) a "narrative of those things" which Jesus had accomplished during his earthly ministry, an "orderly account" of the momentous events. (Luke 1:1, 3)

Key Theme: The birth and growth of the Church and the spread of the gospel

Key Summary Verse: "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 1:8 ESV

Letter	Book	Focus	Core Question	Simple Answer	Discipleship Flow
A	Acts	The PEOPLE and MISSION of Jesus	What do Jesus followers do?	The Church takes Jesus to the WORLD	JOIN His mission

SERIES BIG IDEA:

Jesus continues His mission through His **HOLY SPIRIT**-empowered Church

Overview of Acts 1:1-11

- Jesus' work is both **FINISHED** and **UNFINISHED** (v.v. 1-3)
 - The work of **REDEMPTION** is finished; nothing can/needs to be added to it
 - The work of ministry and **PROCLAMATION** is not finished
- The promise of power...the **HOLY SPIRIT** (v.v. 4-5)
 - **WHY:** God's work cannot be accomplished with human strength alone
- A missional **MISUNDERSTANDING** (v.v. 6-7)
 - The disciples want clarity on "**WHEN**" (*Israel would be restored*)
 - Jesus wants focus on "**WHAT**" (*the mission*)

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- The key summary verse (v. 8)
 - **POWER** comes from the Holy Spirit
 - **PURPOSE** to be witnesses (*not experts*)
 - **PLAN** to take the gospel everywhere (start closest to home and move out from there)
- The ascension (v.v. 9-11) *Acts 1:3; Luke 24:51; Hebrews 1:3, 7:25, 10:12; Colossians 1:3; Romans 8:34*
 - **40 DAYS** after the resurrection, Jesus ascended back to heaven & is presently seated at the right hand of the Father, interceding on behalf of all His disciples until He returns

WHY does it matter/**WHAT** does it mean for me?

1. You cannot experience the **POWER**, apart from **SURRENDERING** to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord *Acts 1:8; Luke 9:23; John 14:15-17; Galatians 2:20, 5:16; Romans 10:9*
 - *Ask: What would full surrender to Jesus look like in my life and daily decisions this week?*
2. The mission of Jesus is **NOW OUR** mission *Matthew 28:29-20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20*
 - Disciples are not just saved **FROM** sin, they are saved **FOR** the mission
 - *Ask: If someone observed my life for a week, what evidence would they see that I am living on mission with Jesus?*
3. We cannot live the life of a disciple in our own **POWER**
 - The Holy Spirit's role... *John 14:25-27*
 - Convict the world of sin and give them spiritual life *John 16:7-11*
 - Change, empower, and guide believers *1 Thessalonians 1:6-7; Acts 1:8; John 16:13*
 - *Ask: When was the last time I intentionally paused and asked the Holy Spirit for guidance, strength, or help?*

Memory Verse:

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Recommended Resources:

[Bible in a JAR Message](#)

[John Message Series](#)

[Sunday Extra Podcast, Season 4, Episode 12](#) – discussion on the Holy Spirit

[Detailed Outline of Acts](#)



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My next step today is to...

- Memorize Acts 1:8
- Repent and accept Jesus as my Savior and submit to His Lordship for the first time!
- Go public as a follower of Jesus and get baptized
- Read Acts chapter 1 this week
- Check out the Sunday Extra Podcast to go deeper with the discussion on Acts
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