

Acts 1

1-3 Luke: Physician (Col 4:14) and companion of Paul (Philemon 1:24) - only gentile NT writer from 2nd mission journey (Acts 16 they/we) - written from Rome with Paul (2Ti 4:11) to Theophilus (continuation Lk 1:1-4) picking up where he left off with Ascension (Lk 24:51)

Jesus: 40 days - **Kingdom of God**

(Lk 24:45-49) ⁴⁵And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. ⁴⁶Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷“and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸“And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

supernatural Understanding of Scripture (1Co 2:14), Necessity of Cross, Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-20), Wait for **Promise/Power** (Jn 14:16-18, 23)

(Jn 20:21-22) ²¹So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” ²²And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. (wait)

4-8 **Promise: Holy Spirit Baptism** (vs Sealed 2Co 1:22, Eph 1:13, 4:30, gone Jn 16:7)

Essential for Power to Witness - Gifts (Mk 16:17), Fruit (Jn 15:4-5)

Promises: our kingdom (didn't know about ascension) vs **His Kingdom**

answer: priority of His Kingdom - Culture (Love), Resources (Faith)

(Lk 17:20-21) ²⁰Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; ²¹“nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.” (Holy Spirit Baptism)

2 Dangers: prioritizing restoring our kingdom (times and seasons)

prioritizing His Kingdom in our power (intelligent argument)

9-11 2nd Coming - Restoration (7th trumpet Rev 11:15) - same spot (Zech 14:4)

until then we Witness/Manifest His Kingdom here (Mt 6:10)

14 **Prayer** is how we Wait for Power! (corporate)

(Ps 27:13-14) ¹³I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD! (braided together)