

Acts 1:1-14 **Second Report to Theophilus – Resurrection to Wait for Holy Spirit**

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Wait in Jerusalem for power of the Holy Spirit

⁴ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; ⁵ for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Will You At This Time Restore the Kingdom to Israel?

⁶ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

⁸ But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Jesus ascended in plain view of the Disciples and will return just as visibly

⁹ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, ¹¹ who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

Disciples return to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit

¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✚ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. [Acts 1:1-3]
- ✧ Luke was a physician and traveling companion of Paul on his missionary journeys. [Colossians 4:14]
- ✧ **Theophilus** was the **High Priest** in Jerusalem **appointed by Vitellius a Roman General**, who appointed him to the office in the place of his brother Jonathan. [according to Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, book 18, chapter 5:3]
- ✧ The book of Luke is a report to Theophilus intended to set forth an orderly account of the things Theophilus had heard concerning Jesus the Christ. [Luke 1:3-4, Acts 1:1-3]

- ✧ Luke is aware of the fact that the things they had heard about having taken place among them, were a fulfillment of Scriptures. [Luke 1:1]
- ✧ Luke acknowledged that many others have written narratives of the Gospel of Jesus. [Luke 1:1]
- ✧ Luke had not been a disciple of Jesus and could not write a first hand report to Theophilus.
- ✧ Luke received the information for his report from eyewitnesses, and ministers of the Word whom he interviewed. [Luke 1:2]
- ✧ The Book of Acts is a continuation of the first report of the Book of Luke and Begins where the Book of Luke ended.
- ✧ Acts reveals the work of the Holy Spirit of God in the development of the Church, the body of believers in Jesus Christ.
- ✧ Luke became a traveling companion of Paul the Apostle and an eye witness of the events of the Book of Acts.

The Work of the Holy Spirit continued from the record of the life and ministry of Jesus

- ✧ The commandments Jesus gave to the Apostles were through the Holy Spirit.
- ✧ The evidence of the resurrection of Jesus, was in His many appearances to His Disciples along with many infallible proofs, over a period of forty days.
- ✧ The message of the Risen Christ was pertaining to the Kingdom of God.

Wait in Jerusalem for power of the Holy Spirit

- ✧ And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." [Acts 1:4-5, Luke 24:49]
- ✧ Before the Apostles can perform the work assigned to them, they need the power of the Holy Spirit enabling both the spirit, mind, and body to do the work.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit will be given at the appointed time, until then, wait on the Lord.
- ✧ The Holy Spirit was promised by the Father through Jesus in His teachings.
- ✧ **John baptized with water**, but you shall be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now. [Matthew 3:11, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, John 1:33, Acts 1:5]
- ✧ That happened ten days later when the Day of Pentecost had fully come. [Acts 2:1-41]

Will You at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?

- ✧ Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "**Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**" [Acts 1:6]
- ✧ And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. [Acts 1:7]
- ✧ **But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;** and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." [Acts 1:8]
 - ✧ From the time of David 470 years before the fall of Jerusalem to Babylon, the Jews have been looking for the time when the Lord will establish His Millennium Kingdom.
 - ✧ The Disciples expected Jesus to establish the Kingdom when He was doing His ministry before He was crucified. [John 6:15]
 - ✧ After the Disciples saw Jesus in His resurrection body, and teaching about the Kingdom, they naturally expected that to be the time for it to happen.
 - ✧ What better time than after Jesus has demonstrated His victory over death and the grave.
 - ✧ Jesus however, informed the Disciples that the time for the establishment of the Kingdom was in the hands of the Father only, and not for them to know.

- ✧ **What was important for the Disciples** was the **Baptism with the Holy Spirit**, which was to happen very soon, for which they were to wait in Jerusalem. [\[Acts 1:4-5\]](#)
- ✧ **The Holy Spirit will empower and enable them to be Witnesses of Jesus** starting in Jerusalem and spreading the Gospel around the world. [\[Acts 1:8\]](#)

Ascension of Jesus – Jesus will return in the same manner as you saw Him go into Heaven

- ✧ Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. [\[Acts 1:9\]](#)
- ✧ And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven." [\[Acts 1:10-11\]](#)
 - ✧ Jesus ascended into Heaven in full view of the Disciples until He disappeared in a cloud.
 - ✧ The angels message was that Jesus would return as visibly as He had been when He ascended.
 - ✧ Not only that, but it would be the same Jesus Who would return. [\[Acts 1:10-11, John 14:3\]](#)

Disciples return to Jerusalem to await the coming of the Holy Spirit

- ✧ Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. [\[Acts 1:12-14\]](#)
 - ✧ The eleven Disciples returned to the upper room in Jerusalem where they were staying to await the promised Holy Spirit, probably the same Upper Room in which they had celebrated the Passover Seder before He was arrested, His "Last Supper." [\[Mark 14:12-26, Luke 22:7-23\]](#)
 - ✧ Along with the eleven Disciples whom Jesus had appointed as Apostles, were the women including Mary the mother of Jesus and the brothers of Jesus. [\[Matthew 13:55-56, Mark 6:3\]](#)
 - ✧ As they were waiting for the Holy Spirit, they were united with one accord praying and making their requests before God.