

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8 __ Lesson 02

The Jerusalem Commission

1. Acts 1:1-3 – Forty Days After

- a. *“all that Jesus began...”* - Luke was only the beginning of Jesus’ ministry
- b. *“after that he through the Holy Ghost”* – This is the Lord’s ministry in Acts
- c. *“passion...infallible proofs”* – Words removed/changed in the Bible matter
- d. *“forty days”* – The resurrection is most certainly proven – 1 Cor 15:4-8
- e. *“pertaining to the kingdom”* – They understood the law and prophets – Lk 24:45

2. Acts 1:4-5 – The Promise of the Father

- a. *“not depart from Jerusalem”* - Lk 24:49/Ac 8:1 – To fulfill Jewish prophecy
- b. *“wait for the promise”* – Luke alone explains why they stayed.
- c. The Lord had in mind his reign in Jerusalem – Isa 46:13, 66:18; Matt 19:28
- d. They wait for 10 days to fulfill the prophetic Pentecostal purpose (50 days after)
- e. *“ye heard of me”* - John 7:38-39 (Isa 32:15, 35:6-7, 44:3; Jer 2:13)
 - i. The Spirit will bring them into remembrance – John 14:26
 - ii. He will testify of Christ – John 15:26-27, John 16:7-15 – Acts 2:33
 - iii. As the Lord was sent, *“so send I you”* – John 20:21-22
- f. *“baptized with the Holy Ghost”* – Is their identification with him – Lk 1:15,41, 67
 - i. We are baptized into Christ to be identified with him without signs

3. Acts 1:6-7 – Restore the Kingdom?

- a. *“at this time”* - The question is not if he will, they knew that, it was when
- b. When people claim they were ignorant about the kingdom they err
- c. Jesus had already spoken of the literal kingdom – Lk 1:68-75, Matt 5:5, Jer 23:5-6
- d. The Lord did not say, *“No”*, or *“Yes”*, which is a problem for most explanations
- e. The answer to this question is also found in Acts 28:28

4. Acts 1:8 – The Jerusalem Commission

- a. *“receive power”* – the purpose of this baptism – Prov 1:23, 1 Sam 10:6,10
- b. Why is Jerusalem important? Because it was through Israel salvation would come
- c. Acts follows this order, but everywhere the apostles go Israel rejects it
- d. As soon as Jerusalem rejected it (Ac 7) the apostle of the Gentiles was saved
- e. What is missing from this? The mystery, grace, the body of Christ