

Acts of the Apostles 1:8-16 __ Lesson 03

The Ascension of Christ

1. Acts 1:6-8 – The Times and Seasons

- a. Prophecy: Salvation found in Jerusalem – Isa 46:13, 66:13, 66:20, Joel 2:32
- b. They knew and expected the kingdom, and the Lord did not correct them
- c. It is not for them to know, they are to minister without the knowledge – Mk 13:33
- d. The Father ordains the times and seasons – he sends the Son and Spirit – 1:4
- e. The Father is not the Son, but they are both God – Mark 13:31

2. Acts 1:9-11 – The Ascension

- a. *“he was taken up”* – Why did he go to heaven? John 16:7,16; Heb 8:5, 9:24+
- b. To send the Spirit, make an offering, fulfill prophecy – Heb 10:11-13, Psa 110:1
- c. Clouds associated with prophetic return of Christ – Lk 21:27-28, Mt 26:64, Rev 1:7
- d. *“why stand ye gazing”* – They were told not to look to heaven, we are – Col 3:1-2
- e. *“come in like manner”* – Every eye sees, clouds, to the earth, on Olivet, w/angels

3. Acts 1:12-20 – Death of Judas Fulfills Prophecy

- a. *“one accord in prayer”* – There is no indication they were praying for the Spirit
- b. *“by the mouth of David spake”* – This is divine inspiration – 2Ti 3:16; 2 Pet 1:19-21
- c. Inspiration is not dispensational, preservation, inaccurate, understanding, revelation, or exhaustive of human knowledge - God spoke through men.
- d. David prophesied of Judas – Ps 41:9/John 13:18-26; Ps 55:12-14