

**Convinced Disciples Obey Jesus'
Commands and Fulfill His Commission
with Deep Reliance on Him**

Acts 1:1-15

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Did this affect you in any way? Why or why not?

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How does this “updated” prediction affect you?





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**What causes us to act
or not act upon
the words of others?**

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by Scripture was _____ by Jesus (v.1-3; Luke
24:22-27; 1 Cor. 15:1-8).

Acts 1:1-3

The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. 3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

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Luke 24:24-27

²⁴ "Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just exactly as the women also had said; but Him they did not see." ²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.**

³ ¶ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that

- Christ died for our sins **according to the Scriptures,**
- ⁴ and that He was buried,
- and that He was raised on the third day **according to the Scriptures,**

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

- ⁵ and that He appeared

- to Cephas,

- then to the twelve.

- ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

- ⁷ then He appeared to James,

- then to all the apostles;

- ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

–Many eye witnesses can validate Jesus' life, death, burial, and resurrection.

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1 John 3:24

... We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

WHO was convinced of these truths?

= 3 Groups of People – the Apostles . . .

Acts 1:2, 13-14

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II) Jesus' continues to act and teach in this world through _____ disciples that _____ His commands in order to fulfill his commission (v.4-15).

Luke 8:1-3

WHO?

The Women . . .

Soon afterwards, He began going around from one city and village to another, proclaiming and preaching the kingdom of God. The twelve were with Him, 2 and also **some women** who had been healed of evil spirits and sicknesses: Mary who was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, 3 and Joanna the wife of Chuza, Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others who were contributing to their support out of their private means.

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Mark 3:20-21

WHO?

His brothers. . .

²⁰ And He came home, and the crowd gathered again, to such an extent that they could not even eat a meal. ²¹ When His own people heard of this, they went out to take custody of Him; for they were saying, "He has lost His senses."

John 7:5

⁵ For not even His brothers were believing in Him.

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Acts 1:4-5

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Exodus 33:14-16

What =

¹⁴ And He said, "My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go *with us*, do not lead us up from here. ¹⁶ "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the *other* people who are upon the face of the earth?"

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Acts 1:6-8 **What =**

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; 8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

ii. Put aside your personal interests to serve as Jesus' witnesses to a dying world (v.6-8).

Acts 1:6-8

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i. God's intentions go well beyond your personal interests.

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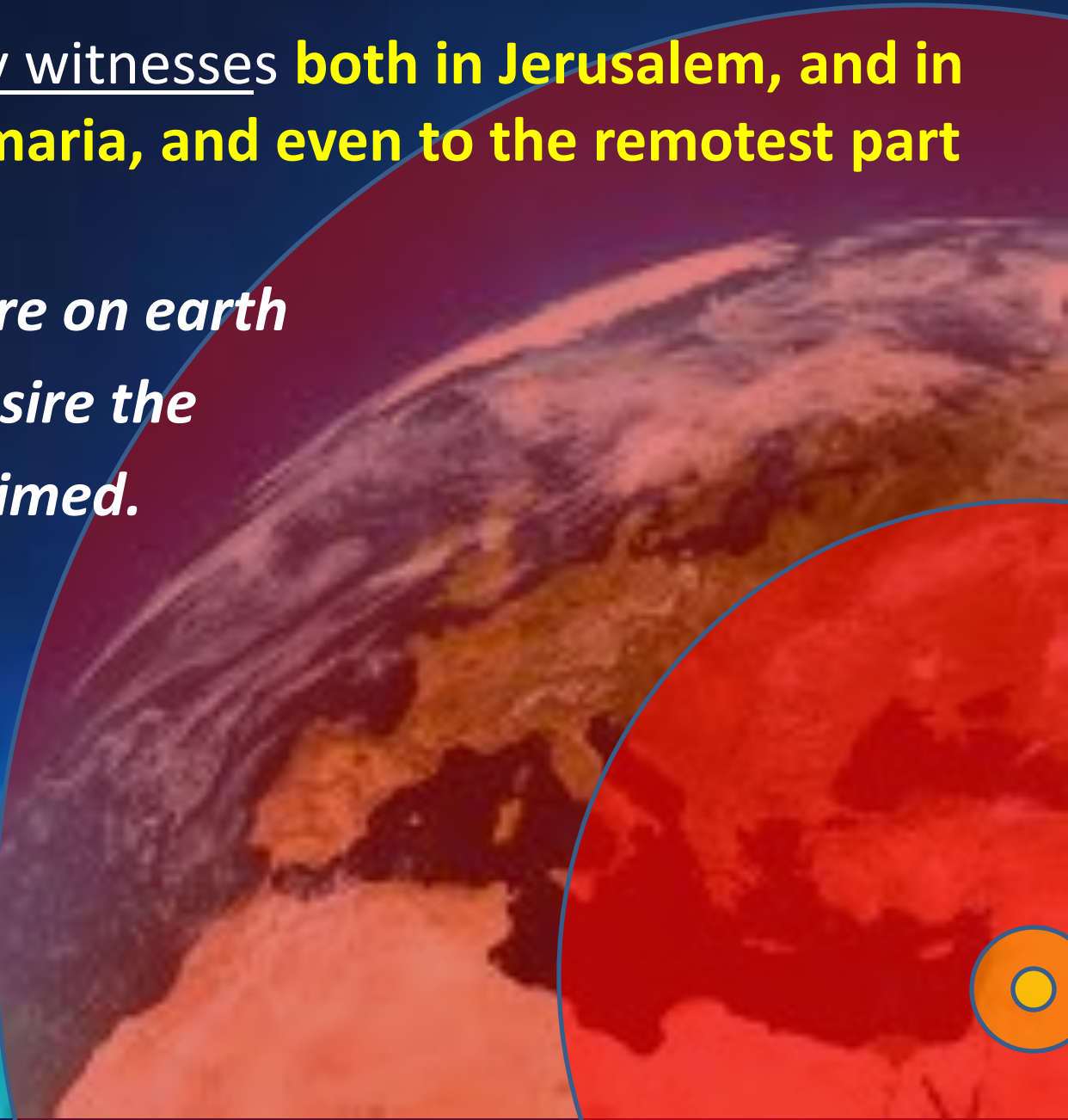


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ii. There is nowhere on earth the Lord doesn't desire the gospel to be proclaimed.



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Acts 1:4-5, 8 **When = The Starting point is . . .**

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i. After the Holy Spirit comes (v.4-5, 8).

Acts 1:9-11

When = Continuing faithfully . . .

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. 11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

ii. Until the _____ returns.

ii. Until the Son of Man returns.

Matt. 27:3, 30, 64

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³ ¶ As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

³⁰ "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you will see THE SON OF MAN SITTING AT THE RIGHT HAND OF POWER, and COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF HEAVEN."

ii. Until the Son of Man returns.

- Returning in the same way that he left – in a cloud (Dan. 7:13-14; Matt. 24:27-31; 26:64).
- Returning in the same place that he left from – the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:1-5).

Zechariah 14:1-5; Battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16:16-21)

Behold, a day is coming for the LORD . . . 4 In that day
His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south. . . . Then the LORD, my God, will come, and all the holy ones with Him!

Why = Jesus is coming again . . .

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- **5) This same Jesus foretold that He's coming again with power!**

Why = Jesus commanded and commissioned those who were chosen by Him and convinced of His life and teaching . . .

Acts 1:2, 4-5, 8

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As in “please pass the salt”.



Acts 1:4-6

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Acts 1:12-14

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How = Fall Community Meals

- i. Thru togetherness in sharing life.
- ii. By the power of the Holy Spirit.
- iii. With unity in purpose.
- iv. Thru reliance on God in prayer.



Would you be willing to host a Fall Community Meal?

- 3 fold focus: **eat**; discuss 2-3 life questions; and **pray**.
- Creating an environment for connection and togetherness.
- Initial commitment of just 3 weeks of **potluck meals**.
- Starting the week of Sept. 18 (hosts pick the day & time).
- Others will sign-up to attend and/or you can invite people.

Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) Have you become convinced by Jesus' life and teachings? Have you surrendered your life to Him?
- 2) If Jesus wants to act and teach through you, what one thing could change this week to help you grow in becoming effective for Him?



- 3) Would you be willing to be a Fall Community Meal host to create an environment for “togetherness,” unity, and prayer?