

# The Commitments of Jesus' Messengers and the Truth of His Claims Result in Changed Hearts

Acts 2:32-47

- I) The \_\_\_\_\_ commitments of Jesus' representatives prepared them to be \_\_\_\_\_ witnesses (Acts 1:4-8, 12-14):
- Thru **togetherness** in sharing life (v.1:4-6; 2:1).
  - By the **power** of the Holy Spirit (v.1:4-5, 8; 2:2-4).
  - With **unity** in purpose (v. 1:14).
  - Thru **reliance** on God in prayer (v.1:14).

- II) The truth proclaimed by Jesus' Holy Spirit empowered witnesses \_\_\_\_\_ hearts (v.32-37).

a. The truth regarding \_\_\_\_\_ is that:

- The Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ using human authors (v.1:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:15-16).
- Jesus fulfilled what they foretold (1 Cor. 15:1-3-8).

b. The truth regarding the \_\_\_\_\_ is that they were:

- \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 1:2) by Jesus to be with Him.
- \_\_\_\_\_ of his life, death, burial and resurrection (1 John 1:2-3).
- \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus regarding his fulfillment of what the Old Testament foretold (Luke 24:25-27).
- Promised the Holy Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_ to teach them and remind them of Jesus' teachings (Jn. 16:12-15; 14:26).

c. The truth regarding Jesus is that He was:

- \_\_\_\_\_ by miracles, signs & wonders that were seen by audience members (v.2:22).
- \_\_\_\_\_ by the hands of men, died, was buried and rose again by God's plan and power (v.2:23-24).
- \_\_\_\_\_ at God's right hand of power (v.2:32, 34-35).
- The Lord and Christ (v.2:36).

- III) The truth of Jesus calls for three responses: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts.2:37-41; 8:12-13, 35-38; 16:14-15, 32-34; 18:8; 20:20-21).

IV) Four \_\_\_\_\_ provide an ongoing atmosphere for hearts to change (v.42-47):

- The Apostle's teaching.
- Fellowship.
- Breaking bread.
- Prayer.

## Applying God's Word to Life

- What does it take to convince you that something is REALLY true?
- What is one thing that makes you waiver in truly being convinced of Jesus, His representatives, or His word?
- What evidence exists to show that the truth of Jesus has made the journey from your head to your heart (2 Cor. 13:5-6; 1 Jn. 3:24; 5:9-13; Rom. 8:9-11)?
- What commitments could be started or renewed in your life to help you fully engage in the "life to the full" (John 10:10) that Jesus died to secure for you?

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## I) The **prior** commitments of Jesus' representatives prepared

them to be **effective** witnesses (Acts 1:4-8, 12-14):

- a. Thru **togetherness** in sharing life (v.1:4-6; 2:1).
- b. By the **power** of the Holy Spirit (v.1:4-5, 8; 2:2-4).
- c. With **unity** in purpose (v. 1:14).
- d. Thru **reliance** on God in prayer (v.1:14).

## II) The truth proclaimed by Jesus' Holy Spirit empowered witnesses **convicted** hearts (v.32-37).

a. The truth regarding **Scripture** is that:

- i. The Holy Spirit **spoke** using human authors (v.1:16; 2 Pet. 1:20-21; 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 3:15-16).
- ii. Jesus fulfilled what they foretold (1 Cor. 15:1-3-8).

b. The truth regarding the **Apostles'** is that they were:

- i. **Chosen** (Acts 1:2) by Jesus to be with Him.
- ii. **Eye witnesses** of his life, death, burial and resurrection (1 John 1:2-3).
- iii. **Instructed** by Jesus regarding his fulfillment of what the Old Testament foretold (Luke 24:25-27).
- iv. Promised the Holy Spirit's **guidance** to teach them and remind them of Jesus' teachings (Jn. 16:12-15; 14:26).

c. The truth regarding **JESUS** is that He was:

- i. **Attested** by miracles, signs & wonders that were seen by audience members (v.2:22).
- ii. **Crucified** by the hands of men, died, was buried and rose again by God's plan and power (v.2:23-24).
- iii. **Seated** at God's right hand of power (v.2:32, 34-35).
- iv. The Lord and Christ (v.2:36).

## III) The truth of Jesus calls for three responses: **faith**,

**repentance**, and **baptism** (Acts.2:37-41; 8:12-13, 35-38; 16:14-15, 32-34; 18:8; 20:20-21).

## IV) Four **commitments** provide an ongoing atmosphere for hearts to change (v.42-47):

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- c. Breaking bread.
- d. Prayer.

### Applying God's Word to Life

- 1) What does it take to convince you that something is REALLY true?
- 2) What is one thing that makes you waiver in truly being convinced of Jesus, His representatives, or His word?
- 3) What evidence exists to show that the truth of Jesus has made the journey from your head to your heart (2 Cor. 13:5-6; 1 Jn. 3:24; 5:9-13; Rom. 8:9-11)?
- 4) What commitments could be started or renewed in your life to help you fully engage in the "life to the full" (John 10:10) that Jesus died to secure for you?