

Acts
The Church Goes to Work
1:1-26

“That the Christ should suffer and rise again, that repentance for forgiveness of sins be proclaimed to the nations, you are witnesses.”
Lk 24:46-48; Acts 1:8

1:1-3

Jesus' ascension

vs 1 *“first account”*

“former treatise” KJV

“first book” ESV

vs 2 *“until”* resurrection, i.e. book of Luke

Acts = after resurrection

vs 2 *“by the Holy Spirit”*

Holy Spirit prominent in Acts

Jesus is said to rely on

vs 3 resurrection appearances

see I Cor 15:6

during which taught of kingdom of God

vs 9 *“He was lifted up”*

Lk 24:51 blessing and leaving

1:4-9

the great commission

vss 4-5; Lk 24:49 wait for the Spirit

vss 6-7 still thinking politically

vs 6 *“at this time”*

vs 6 *“restoring”*

vs 7 don't be concerned about that

vs 7 *“Father's authority”*

vs 8 not political but spiritual

power to witness

not power to overthrow Rome

Lk 24:49 *“from heaven”*

vs 13 *“Simon the zealot”* = a (former) revolutionary

named same reason *“Judas bro of James”*

tradition = martyred in Persia

Matthew = tax collector

Lk 24:44-48

vs 44 *“while still with you”*

vss 44, 46 *“written”*

vs 44 description of OT

vss 46-47 gospel

vs 48 witnesses

vs 49; Acts 1:8; 2:33 promise of the Spirit

1:10-14

now what?

vs 10 *"gazing intently"*

vs 11 *"why do you stare at the sky?"*

rebuke for wistful, longing, indecision

vs 12 *"they returned to Jerusalem"*

they are on the job

Lk 24:52 *"with joy"*

vs 12 *"Sabbath day's journey"*

Lk 24:50 outside town; very short distance

vss 13-14 meet to pray

11 apostles

with women incl Mary

vs 15 120 disciples in all

some say different meeting

brothers finally on board

vs 14 *"with one mind"*

1:15-26

getting down to business

vs 15 *"in these days"*

connects to 2:1?

later than 1:15?

120 disciples

prophecy re Judas

vs 17 *"counted among us"*

vs 21 with Jesus

vs 22 *"baptism by John"* to *"taken up"*

whole 3½ years

vs 22 resurrection key part of gospel

vs 25 *"ministry"*

vs 24 they prayed

vs 26 they drew lots

= 80 references to lots in Bible

Prov 16:33

Prove 18:18