

A Look at "The Church"

ACTS 1
CHAPTER 1
Prologue to Acts

THE ^{former} treatise have I made, O Theophili, of all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up, or that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Appearances of the Resurrected Christ
Luke 24:44-49

to whom also he shewed himself alive to his passion by many infallible proofs, which he shewed unto them from forty days, and speaking of things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Being assembled together with them, he commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye shall receive: for John baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not with water.

And they therefore were come together to Jerusalem, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? It is not for you to know the seasons, which the Father hath reserved unto himself.

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10 And while they looked toward heaven as he went up, he stood by them in white robes, and said, Brethren, what saw ye? And he said, Men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye saw him go into heaven.

Anticipation of the Spirit—Luke 24:52

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem, and abode in the temple, waiting for the Pentecost.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Ze-lo'tes, and Judas the brother of James.

14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Appointment of Matthias—Matt. 27:7, 8

15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty.)

16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.

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20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, NO MAN DWELL THEREIN: AND HIS BISHOPRICK LET ANOTHER TAKE.

21 Wherefore of these men which have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up, witness with us of his resurrection.

23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Matthias, who was surnamed Justus, and one Nicanor.

24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen.

25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2
Filling with the Holy Ghost

AND when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house.

The Mission of a Church in Action

1. The Truth that Inspired the Mission – vs3, 11
2. The Spirit that Empowered the Mission – v8
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The Truth that Inspired the Mission

A. Jesus is Alive! v3

1. He was seen – His person and power.
(Infallible proofs)

2. He was heard – with their head and heart.
Acts 4.20

B. Jesus is Returning! V11

1. Stop staring into Space

2. Start looking for the Savior!

The Spirit that Empowered the Mission

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- A. The power to Internalize the Gospel
Spirit-Filled Believers
- B. The power to Evangelize
Spirit-led Proclaimers
- C. The power to Globalize the Gospel
Spirit-driven Missions

The Strategy to Fulfill the Mission v8

Watch how the strategy unfolds

- A. Our Jerusalem. Community / Claxton. 1-7
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- C. Samaria. U.S.A. / N. America 8-12
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