

JESUS' COMMISSION TO HIS APOSTLES

(Acts 1:1-8)

I. AN INTRODUCTION

II. CHRIST'S COMMISSION TO HIS DISCIPLES

A. The Apostles' Commission (1:1-8)

1. Luke wrote the *sequel* to his Gospel account to Theophilus. (v. 1)
 - a. In his Gospel, Luke wrote about all what Jesus _____ and _____ in His earthly ministry.
 - b. In Acts, Luke wrote about all what Jesus _____ to _____ through Spirit-empowered Christians as He _____ His Church. (Matt. 16:18; John 14:12)

* Why should both Luke and Acts be viewed as one unit?

2. Before Jesus was taken up, He had given His apostles two commandments that were to be obeyed *sequentially* (v. 2) ...
 - a. For now, they were to _____ in _____ (v. 4, cf. Luke 24:49)
 - b. Eventually they were to _____ into all the _____ as His witnesses (v. 8, cf. Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-48)
3. In the 40 days from His resurrection to His ascension...
 - a. Jesus was seen by _____ of people in His new, glorified, resurrected _____. (v. 3a, cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-8)
 - b. From the Scriptures, Jesus taught His disciples about the significance of His _____ (Luke 24:25-27, 44-47), as well as the coming _____. (v. 3b)

4. The “*Promise of the Father*” was the future _____ of the Holy Spirit in the Millennium (Isa. 32:15; 44:3; Ezek. 39:29; Joel 2:28-29), but a similar “_____” would take place on Pentecost (v. 4, cf., Luke 24:49; John 14:16-17; 16:7-11; Acts 1:4-8; 2:16).

5. While Christ was physically about to _____ His disciples (Luke 24: 50-51; Acts 1:9), He promised that He would send the Holy Spirit to them in just a matter of 10 days (Acts 2:1-4) to _____ them and to _____ them for ministry and the Christian life. (v. 5)

6. Knowing that Jesus was the Messiah, they were wondering when He was going to _____ the Millennial _____. (v. 6)

* Why couldn't the apostles know when the kingdom will come? (v. 7)

* What do these verses imply about Israel's place in God's future kingdom plans? (Rom. 9-11)

7. Rather than setting up the kingdom, the apostles (and the Church) would receive power from the Holy Spirit to _____ the entire _____. (v. 8)

* How can you personally be encouraged by this truth?

