

ACTS

Lesson 1

Key Events

- Jesus met with His apostles 40 days after His resurrection and promised the Holy Spirit.
- Jesus ascended into heaven.
- Matthias was selected to replace Judas.

- The Sovereignty of God

- Introduction to the book (1:1-3)
 - Author
 - Date of Writing
 - Theme
 - Purpose

- Luke's Review

- The promise of the Spirit (1:4-8)

- The ascension of Jesus (1:9-11)

- The waiting for the Spirit (1:12-14)

- The selection of Matthias (1:16-26)

Dig Deeper (Optional)

1. The gospel of Luke and the book of Acts were both written by Luke to a man named Theophilus. What was the purpose of Luke's gospel? (vv. 1-2; Lk. 1:1-4)

2. What have the disciples been told to expect when the Spirit comes?

Lk. 24:49

Jn. 14:16-17, 26

Jn. 15:26, 27

Jn. 16:13-15

3. The disciples are still looking for an earthly Jewish monarchy (v. 6). How does Jesus redirect them?
v. 7
v. 8

4. In the ten-day period between Jesus' ascension and the giving of the Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:1), a group gathers of at least 120 believers.

Who do we see taking a role of leadership right away? (v. 15)

5. More than one person meets the qualification (v. 23) set forth to replace Judas.
 - a. What steps do they take to finalize the decision?(vv. 24-26)
 - b. What does this process reveal about where their trust lies? (vv. 24-26)

Application

Read Ephesians 1:11 and Ecclesiastes 7:14. What do the scriptures say about God's involvement in our daily lives? What difference does this make with how you deal with troublesome aspects of life?