
SERMON OUTLINE

We Continue what Jesus Began

Acts 1:1-8

Introduction to Acts: Who wrote it? Who received it?

- I. What we must know: Jesus' work was to die for our sins and rise again (Acts 1:1-3).
 - A. Luke reminds Theophilus about his first book recording Jesus's entire life on earth (1-2).
 - B. Luke reviews Jesus' death and resurrection (1:3).
 - We know the gospel is true because Jesus appeared alive over 40 days.
- II. What we must do: Our work is to tell everyone about Jesus' work (Acts 1:4-8).
 - A. Jesus' Conversation with the Apostles (1:4-7)
 - Jesus told the apostles to wait for the Holy Spirit (4-5).
 - The apostles asked if Jesus was about to restore the kingdom to Israel [*Is that our task?*] (6).
 - Jesus said only the Father knows when the future kingdom begins [*No, that's not your task.*] (7).
 - B. Jesus' Commission of the Apostles (1:8)
 - The Power we are promised: Jesus promised we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us [*This is your power!*] (8a, Acts 2).
 - The Job we must do: We are witnesses of Christ to the whole world [*This is your task!*] (8b).

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. <u>Jerusalem</u> – We must tell the good news of Jesus to the people we already know locally.2. <u>Judea</u> – We must reach out to our whole community, not just the people we already know.3. <u>Samaria</u> – We are responsible to tell people who are different than us racially and culturally.4. <u>The ends of the earth</u> – We must help take the good news to people around the world. |
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