

Acts 1

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The Promise of the Holy Spirit

¹ The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

² Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

³ To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

⁴ And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

⁵ For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.

The Ascension

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.

13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, 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.

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.

17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.

19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.

20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishoprick let another take.

21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us,

22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

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

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.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Apostle — ἀπόστολος (Apostolos)

Apostle, sent one

The Greek **apostolos** (ἀπόστολος) means apostle or sent one—an authorized messenger. The twelve apostles were chosen by Christ and empowered as His witnesses, laying the foundation of the church (Ephesians 2:20).

Baptize — βαπτίζω (Baptizo)

To baptize, immerse

The Greek **baptizo** (βαπτίζω) means to dip, immerse, or baptize. Christian baptism symbolizes identification with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection (Romans 6:3-4).

Blood — αἷμα (Haima)

Blood

The Greek **haima** (αἷμα) denotes blood. Christ's blood 'cleanseth us from all sin' (1 John 1:7), securing 'eternal redemption' (Hebrews 9:12) through His once-for-all sacrifice. Believers have been 'purchased with his own blood' (Acts 20:28).

God — Θεός (Theos)

God

The Greek **Theos** (Θεός) refers to deity, used both for the one true God and false gods. Context determines whether it denotes the Father specifically or the Godhead generally.

Heaven — οὐρανός (Ouranos)

Heaven, sky

The Greek **ouranos** (οὐρανός) denotes heaven—God's throne and the believer's eternal home. Jesus taught His disciples to pray 'Our Father which art in heaven' (Matthew 6:9) and promised to prepare a place there (John 14:2).

Lord — Κύριος (Kurios)

Lord, Master

The Greek **Kurios** (Κύριος) means 'lord' or 'master,' used both for human masters and divinely for God the Father and Jesus Christ. Its application to Jesus affirms His deity, as it translates YHWH in the Septuagint.

Holy — ἅγιος (Hagios)

Holy, sacred, set apart

The Greek **hagios** (ἅγιος) denotes holiness—moral purity and separation unto God. Believers are called 'saints' (hagioi), those set apart for God through Christ's sanctifying work.

Resurrection — ἀνάστασις (Anastasis)

Resurrection, rising

The Greek **anastasis** (ἀνάστασις) means resurrection—rising from death to life. Christ's resurrection is the 'firstfruits' (1 Corinthians 15:20), guaranteeing believers' future bodily resurrection and victory over death.

Kingdom — βασιλεία (Basileia)

Kingdom, reign

The Greek **basileia** (βασιλεία) means kingdom—both the realm ruled and the exercise of royal authority. The 'kingdom of God' is central to Jesus' teaching, representing God's saving rule breaking into history.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Acts 1:2 **Parallel theme:** Acts 1:9; John 13:1; 13:3; 16:28; 20:21; Ephesians 2:20. **Word:** John 13:18. **Holy:** Acts 10:38; Hebrews 9:24. **Spirit:** Isaiah 48:16

Acts 1:3 **Parallel theme:** Acts 13:31; Matthew 28:9; John 20:26; 21:1; 21:14; 1 John 1:1. **Kingdom:** Acts 28:31; Matthew 21:43; Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13

Acts 1:4 **Covenant:** Acts 2:33; Luke 24:49. **Parallel theme:** Acts 10:41; Matthew 10:20; Luke 11:13; 12:12; John 7:39; 14:16; 15:26; 20:22

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Holy: Acts 10:45; Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16; Titus 3:5. **Spirit:** 1 Corinthians 12:13.

Baptism: Acts 19:4. **Parallel theme:** Joel 3:18; John 1:31

Acts 1:6 Kingdom: Daniel 7:27; Matthew 20:21; Luke 17:20; 19:11; 22:29. **Parallel theme:**

Matthew 17:11; 24:3

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Acts 1:8 Holy: Acts 5:32; Matthew 28:19. **Parallel theme:** Acts 6:8; Mark 16:15; Luke 10:19; Romans 10:18. **Spirit:** Romans 15:19. **Witness:** Acts 4:33; Matthew 24:14; John 15:27

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Acts 1:15 Parallel theme: 1 Corinthians 15:6

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Acts 1:17 Parallel theme: Acts 1:25; 20:24; 21:19; Mark 3:19; John 17:12

Acts 1:18 Parallel theme: Psalms 55:15; 55:23

Acts 1:20 **Parallel theme:** Acts 1:25; Psalms 69:25

Acts 1:21 **Parallel theme:** John 15:27

Acts 1:22 **Parallel theme:** Acts 1:2. **Resurrection:** Acts 4:33

Acts 1:23 **Parallel theme:** Acts 15:22

Acts 1:24 **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 16:7; Jeremiah 17:10. **Parallel theme:** Acts 15:8; Romans 8:27; Revelation 2:23. **Prayer:** Acts 6:6; 14:23

Acts 1:25 **Parallel theme:** John 17:12; Romans 1:5; 1 Corinthians 9:2; Galatians 2:8

Acts 1:26 **Parallel theme:** Leviticus 16:8; Joshua 18:10; Jonah 1:7

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