

Acts 1:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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:

Analysis

The 'commandments unto the apostles' included the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and instructions about the Spirit's coming. The phrase 'through the Holy Ghost' emphasizes that all apostolic authority derived from Spirit-empowerment, not human credential. Jesus' post-resurrection ministry spanning 'forty days' (v. 3) provided crucial preparation for their worldwide mission.

Historical Context

The forty days between resurrection and ascension paralleled Moses' forty days on Sinai and Jesus' forty days of temptation. This period grounded the apostles' eyewitness testimony and equipped them for leadership in the nascent church.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. What commandments has Christ given you through His Spirit?
2. How do the forty days of Jesus' post-resurrection teaching inform your understanding of His priorities?

Interlinear Text

ἄχρι οὗς ἡμέρας ἐντειλάμενος τοῖς ἀποστόλοις
Until in which the day had given commandments unto the apostles
G891 G3739 G2250 G1781 G3588 G652

διὰ πνεύματος ἁγίου οὗς ἐξελέξατο
after that he through Ghost the Holy in which he had chosen
G1223 G4151 G40 G3739 G1586

ἀνελήφθη
he was taken up
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Additional Cross-References

Acts 1:9 (Parallel theme): And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

John 13:18 (Word): I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, He that eateth bread with me hath lifted up his heel against me.

Hebrews 9:24 (Holy): For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Acts 10:38 (Holy): How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

John 20:21 (Parallel theme): Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

Isaiah 48:16 (Spirit): Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Ephesians 2:20 (Parallel theme): And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

John 13:1 (Parallel theme): Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

John 16:28 (Parallel theme): I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go to the Father.

John 13:3 (Parallel theme): Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;