

Acts 1:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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

Analysis

The disciples' question - 'wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?' - revealed lingering expectations of political restoration. Jesus redirected their focus from timing ('times or seasons') to mission ('ye shall be witnesses'). The Greek *apokathistaneis* (restore) echoed prophetic promises, showing the disciples still anticipated national restoration.

Historical Context

First-century Jewish messianic expectation emphasized political deliverance from Rome. The disciples, even after resurrection appearances, still anticipated an earthly kingdom. Jesus' response transformed their nationalistic hopes into global mission without denying future fulfillment.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

1. How might your expectations of what God should do limit your participation in what He is doing?
2. What does Jesus' response teach about prioritizing mission over speculation about timing?

Interlinear Text

Οἱ	μὲν	οὖν	συνελθόντες	ἐπήρωτων	αὐτὸν	
G3588	When	they therefore	were come together	they asked	of him	
	G3303	G3767	G4905	G1905	G846	
λέγοντες	Κύριε	εἰ	ἐν	τῷ	χρόνῳ	τούτῳ
saying	Lord	G1487	at	G3588	time	this
G3004	G2962		G1722		G5550	G5129
ἀποκαθιστάνεις	τὴν	βασιλείαν	τῷ	Ἰσραήλ		
restore again	G3588	the kingdom	G3588	to Israel		
G600		G932		G2474		

Additional Cross-References

Luke 19:11 (Kingdom): And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God should immediately appear.

Luke 17:20 (Kingdom): And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation:

Daniel 7:27 (Kingdom): And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Matthew 24:3 (Parallel theme): And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

Luke 22:29 (Kingdom): And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me;

Matthew 17:11 (Parallel theme): And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Matthew 20:21 (Kingdom): And he said unto her, What wilt thou? She saith unto him, Grant that these my two sons may sit, the one on thy right hand, and the other on the left, in thy kingdom.

From KJV Study • kjevstudy.org