

Bible Study

The Book of Acts 1:1-8

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Acts 1:1

- (Luke 1:1-2) St. Luke was an eyewitness of the Lord Jesus Christ and His teaching.
- Every book in the New Testament is written by an eyewitness of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Apostles and Disciples

- St. Matthew was a disciple and apostle.
- A disciple follows a teacher, while an apostle is sent to continue the mission and teachings of the Master – the Lord Jesus.
- The Greek word for apostle is “Apostello”, a verb, which means ‘to send out’ or ‘to send forth.’

(Matthew 28:19-20)

- With proper thinking and proper faith, we will have proper action.
- We need to be changed and transformed.
- Being a Christian means to be a disciple of Christ.

Acts 1:2

- Ascension is referred to here when St. Luke writes “until the day in which He was taken up” and later the giving of the Holy Spirit to the Disciples who became Apostles.

Acts 1:3

- The Lord Jesus Christ proved to the disciples that He was alive throughout the 40 days.
- St. Thomas was invited to put his hand in the Lord's side.
- The Lord appeared to over 500 brethren.
- The Book of Acts and the end of each of the four Gospels mention all the times the Lord appeared.
- The Lord connected the Old Testament to the New Testament when He was with “them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”

(Luke 24:27)

- The Lord appeared on the road to the village of Emmaus to St. Cleopas and St. Luke.
- It was seven miles (threescore furlongs) from Jerusalem to Emmaus.

(John 21:25)

- Many books can be written about the Lord Jesus Christ. Not everything was written in the Bible. Therefore, tradition is necessary. The Protestants don't believe in anything outside of the Bible "Sola Scriptura."

(1 John 1:1)

- St. John heard, saw (eyewitness) and touched the Lord Jesus Christ with his hands. The Apostles established authority. The Bible came after the Church. The Church came first and the Bible came second. Preaching of the mouth (3 John 1:13).
- The Lord Jesus Christ proved Himself to be alive to hundreds of people during the period of the 40 days after the Resurrection.

(2 Peter 1:20-21)

- Let us hear the word of the Holy Spirit through the mouth of the priest.

Acts 1:4

- The promise of the Father in the Old Testament to the Prophet Joel.
- (John 15:26) I will send you the Holy Spirit.
- (John 1:18) The Son has declared the Father.

Acts 1:5

- We need to be patient, wait and be humble. God's will to Abraham was to get up and go and leave everything behind, without telling him where to go.

Acts 1:6

- The apostles asked questions .

Acts 1:7

- It's not for you to know. If you know, you will be upset or you can't continue.

Acts 1:8

- Jerusalem is your house, Judea is your neighborhood, Samaria is the Country/State and the end of earth is the whole world.

Homework / Contemplation

- Read the book of Acts and the last few chapters of the 4 Gospels and write down how many people saw the Lord Jesus Christ during the 40 day period after the Resurrection?