

## **THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### *Doctrine and Duty for Disciples Series*

#### Acts of the Apostles

### **The Great Wait**

#### **Acts 1:1-14**

The Acts for the Apostles, also known as the Book of Act or Acts, was written by Luke. It is a sequel to the Gospel of Luke. Acts begins with "*of all that Jesus began both to do and teach*" refers to the beginning of Jesus's work in the Gospel of Luke. In Acts it describes the continuation of His work, then and now, through the Holy Spirit.

#### **Acts 1:1-14**

**1** The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "*which,*" *He said,* "you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying; Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James. <sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

1. What is the *former account*?
2. Which verse illustrates the trinity?
3. What would the difference be in these two questions: "*Are you baptized in the Holy Spirit?*" and "*Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit?*". Is being baptized in the Spirit an experience or a condition?
4. In v. 8, what is the significance of naming Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth, " in v.8?
5. Jesus ascends in a cloud. Why do you suppose he would not disappear as He has done in the past?
6. In v.11, it states that, "*This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.*" Besides physically, what else could "same" be referring to?
7. What three important steps did the disciples take in making a godly decision?