

## ACTS CHAPTER #1

### Verse 1 The first account I composed

1. Refers to the Gospel of Luke see Lk 1:1-4
2. To Theophilus
  - a. Theophilus meant a lover of God
  - b. Lk 1:3 Most excellent Theophilus (probably a Roman ruler of some sort)

### Verse 2 Until the day when He was taken up – ascended into heaven

#### By the Holy Spirit

1. Mt 3:16-17 After His Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus in the form of a dove.
2. Lk 4:1 Jesus was full of the Holy Spirit when He returned from the Jordan and was being led by the Spirit in the wilderness.
3. Lk 4:16-21 Jesus told those in the synagogue in Nazareth that He was the one whom Isaiah prophesied would be anointed with the Holy Spirit to preach the gospel.
4. Acts 10:38 God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power.
5. Jn 3:34-35 God gave Jesus the Spirit without measure.

#### Given orders

The Great Commission Lk 24:44-49, Mt 28:18-20, Mk 16:15-18

#### Apostle

One sent forth – a messenger

αποστολος = απο + στελλω  
from I send

Used in different ways:

1. The apostles of Christ
  - a. Acts 1:3 All except Judas
  - b. Acts 1:26 Matthias
  - c. 1 Cor 15:8 Paul
2. Apostles of the churches
  - a. Acts 14:14 Barnabas and Saul
  - b. Phil 2:25 Epaphroditus
  - c. 2 Cor 8:23 Our brethren
3. The Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Jesus Heb 3:1

Verse 4 Wait for what the Father had promised - to send the Holy Spirit  
Jn 14:16; 15:26-27; 16:12-13

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### Verse 5 You shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit

1. Jn 1:26-28 John came baptizing in water
2. Jn 1:29-35 One of the reasons John came baptizing in water was to identify the Son of God who would baptize in the Holy Spirit.
3. Mt 3:7-12 John baptized people in water but Christ would baptize in the Holy Spirit and fire.

### Verse 6 The kingdom

1. Mt 3:2 John preached the kingdom of heaven was at hand.
2. Mk 1:15 Christ said the kingdom of God was at hand.
3. Mk 9:1 Some that were alive at that time would not die before they saw the kingdom of God after it had come with power
4. Jn 18:36 Christ said His kingdom was not of this world.
5. Mt 20:21 The mother of James and John ask for her sons to sit on His left and His right in His kingdom, showing she thought the kingdom was going to be like other physical kingdoms on earth.
6. Jn 6:15 The Jews were going to try to force Christ to be a physical king but He would not let that happen.

### Verse 7 Times or epochs

times (χρονος) chronos

epochs or seasons (καιρος) kairos

“Broadly speaking, ‘chronos’ expresses the duration of a period, ‘kairos’ stresses it as marked by certain features.” Vines

### Verse 8 You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you

1. The apostles would know that they had been baptized by the Holy Spirit because His power would be displayed through them. So by associating this verse with Mk 9:1 we know two things that would come with power, the Holy Spirit and the kingdom.
2. Acts 2:1-4 Power of the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles.
3. 2 Cor 12:12 True apostles had the power to perform miracles.

### You shall be my witnesses

1. Acts 2:32 The apostles were witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. Heb 2:4 God also bore witness to the resurrection of Jesus by the miracles performed by the apostles and others.

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### Verse 9 A cloud received Him out of their sight

1. Dan 7:13-14 The ascension of Christ from heaven's view.
2. Mk 16:19 Jesus sat down at the right hand of God when He ascended to heaven.
3. Eph 1:20-23 When Christ sat at the right hand of God all things were put under His authority and He was made head of His body, the church.

### Verse 10 The sky (or heaven) The word for heaven or the heavens is used three ways in the Bible:

1. Where the birds fly Gen 1:20
2. Space Gen 1:14-15
3. Where the throne of God is Ps 11:4; 2 Cor 12:1-4

### Verse 11 Jesus...will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven

1. Jn 16:28 Christ came from the Father and would return to the Father.
2. 1 Thes 4:16-17 Christ would return to take the faithful to heaven.

### Verse 12 Sabbath day's journey

From what we can find in secular history the Jews defined this distance as 2,000 cubits or about 3/5 of a mile from home. This came from their own logic because God had not given a specific distance that they could walk before they would have been guilty of not keeping the Sabbath.

1. Ex 16:29 Stay in your own place on the Sabbath, (don't travel)
2. Josh 3:4 Ark to be 2,000 cubits from the Jews while traveling in the wilderness.

### Verse 13 Lists of the Apostles

Mt 10:2-3; Mk 3:16-19; Lk 6:14-16; Acts 1:13

Simon the Cananaean (Canaanite) of Matthew and Mark must be the same person as Simon the Zealot of Luke and Acts. Thaddaeus of Matthew and Mark must be the same person as Judas the son of James of Luke and Acts.

### Verse 14 The women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers

1. Lk 8:1-3 Several women mentioned that were disciples of Christ.
2. Mt 13:55 The brothers of Jesus listed: James, Joseph, Simon and Judas
3. Jn 7:5 Before Christ died on the cross they did not believe in Him.

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Verse 15 A gathering of about one hundred and twenty persons

There could have been other disciples that were not present at this gathering since we read in 1 Cor 15:6 that Christ appeared to over 500 brethren at one time.

Verses 16-19 Death of Judas - compare Mt 27:1-10

Verse 20 Peter applies passages in Psalms to Judas Ps 69:25; 109:8

Verses 21-23 Qualifications for the one to replace Judas: A man who had been with the other apostles

1. From the baptism of John (when Jesus was baptized by John)
2. Until the ascension of Christ

Verses 24-25 They prayed.

1. Important event
2. Addressed God with reverence
3. Short but meaningful prayer (Compare Mt 6:7)

Verse 26 The lot fell to Matthias The apostles used a method of chance to find out the one whom God had chosen, it would appear, at His instruction.

## LIST OF THE APOSTLES

### MATTHEW 10:2-3

1. Simon Peter
2. Andrew
3. James the son of Zebedee
4. John the brother of James
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Thomas
8. Matthew
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddaeus (KJV also has Lebbaeus)
11. Simon the Zealot
12. Judas Iscariot

### MARK 3:16-19

1. Simon Peter
2. James the son of Zebedee
3. John the brother of James
4. Andrew
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Matthew
8. Thomas
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Thaddaeus
11. Simon the Zealot (Cananaean)
12. Judas Iscariot

### LUKE 6:14-16

1. Simon Peter
2. Andrew
3. James
4. John
5. Philip
6. Bartholomew
7. Matthew
8. Thomas
9. James the son of Alphaeus
10. Simon the Zealot
11. Judas the son of James
12. Judas Iscariot

### ACTS 1:13

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10. Simon the Zealot
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Several of the apostles were known by more than one name. In the lists above, Simon the Zealot is the same person as Simon the Cananaean or Canaanite, and Lebbaeus whose surname was Thaddaeus is the same individual as Judas the son of James.

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR ACTS CHAPTER #1

- 1.) To whom is the book addressed?
- 2.) Christ gave special orders by the Holy Spirit to what group of individuals?
- 3.) After receiving power when the Holy Spirit came upon them what were they told they were going to be for Christ?
- 4.) Where would this start and to where would it spread?
- 5.) After Christ finished talking to them what happened to Him?
- 6.) What was the first message from heaven after Christ left this world?
- 7.) How many people were in the upper room?
- 8.) What was the name of the place where Judas died?
- 9.) Of the men that could be considered as a replacement for Judas, how long did they have to have been with the other apostles?

From: \_\_\_\_\_

To: \_\_\_\_\_

- 10.) Who were the two men put forward and who was chosen?