

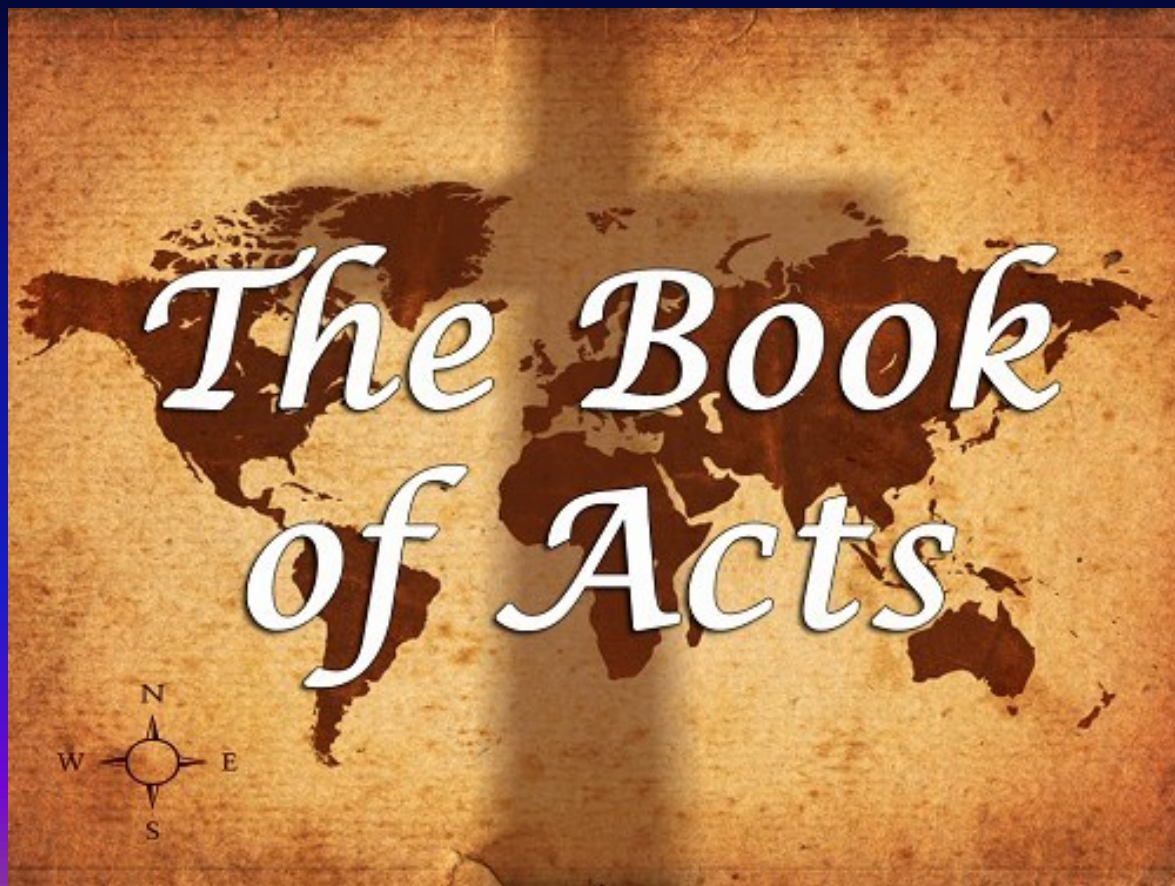
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The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus **BEGAN** both to **DO** and **TEACH**,<sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,<sup>3</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.

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### Acts 1:1-12

<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.”

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**9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. **10** And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, **11** 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.”

**12** Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey.  
(compare with Luke 24:44-49 & Matt. 28:18-20)



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In John chapters 14 thru 17, Jesus explains the importance of Him being in Heaven again (going away back to Heaven), so that the Holy Spirit will come (ref. John 7:37-39)

John 14:1-6, 15-18, 25-28

John 15:26

John 16:5-11, 28

John 17:4-8, 24

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<sup>5</sup> “But now I GO AWAY to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the TRUTH. It is to your ADVANTAGE that I go away; for IF I do NOT go away, the Helper will NOT come to you; but if I depart, I will send HIM to you.”  
John 16:5-7 (compare with John 7:37-39)

Jesus explains the Truth about His Ascension as Necessary for His Disciples to receive God’s Spirit into their Lives.

The ASCENSION is the Time in Which Jesus Christ is GLORIFIED

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the New Covenant (Ezek. 36:25-27)**

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**CONVICT → CONVINC → We Proclaim – He CONVICTS**

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**<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> However, WHEN He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will NOT speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you of things to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and DECLARE it to you.” John 16:12-14**

**This is why we have the New Testament of the Bible**

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The Oxygen for our Gospel Proclaiming ... is our Own Salvation in Christ Empowered by the Holy Spirit

→ I want to bring others with me to Heaven

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**1 John 3:1-3: Behold what manner of LOVE the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. <sup>2</sup> Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is REVEALED, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. <sup>3</sup> And everyone who has this HOPE in Him PURIFIES himself, just as He is PURE.**

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**1 Peter 1:13-16: <sup>13</sup> Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your HOPE fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the REVELATION of Jesus Christ; <sup>14</sup> as obedient children, NOT conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; <sup>15</sup> but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, <sup>16</sup> because it is written,**

**“BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY.”**

**HOLY: Dedicated, Surrendered, Consecrated unto God  
and for God’s Service, wanting only to please Him**



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**The Ascension of Christ is His Coronation as King and LORD, Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father in Heaven.**

**He is GLORIFIED**

**John 7:37-39 -- On the last day, that great day of the feast [feast of Tabernacles], Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. <sup>38</sup> He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of Living Water.” <sup>39</sup> But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him WOULD RECEIVE; for the Holy Spirit was NOT yet given, because Jesus was NOT yet glorified.**

**Are we experiencing this NOW in Christ?**

**Rivers of Living Water?**

**Let's Worship God ... Because of Who He is,  
For What He has done, and What He is Yet  
to do → He is the GREAT GOD, ALMIGHTY  
WHO HAS ALL CONTROL OVER THE  
WHOLE UNIVERSE and TIME...**

**ALL POWERFUL ALMIGHTY GOD  
The GOD of ISRAEL**

