

“Comforter, Counselor & Guide” Part 2
Mount of Olives | May 31, 2026 | Acts 1:6-8
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Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Father, we ask once again this day that You would breathe Your Holy Spirit upon us. Awaken us; inspire us; guide us, and empower us to be bold and loving people of Christ. Help us to be perceptive to Your moving, and help us to be faithful to Your calling. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:6-8

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Message Notes

John 15:26 & 16:13-14

When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 12:49

For I have not spoken on my own, but the Father who sent me has himself given me a commandment about what to say and what to speak.

Matthew 17:5

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

Acts 1:8

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Study Questions – Read Acts 1:1-11

ICEBREAKER – Getting started:

1. Have you ever waited a long time for something important? What was it?
2. If you could witness any event in history, what would you choose?
3. Have you ever been so amazed by something that you just stood there staring? If so, describe the situation.
4. What helps you stay hopeful when you are waiting for something?

Based on Acts 1:1-11, answer the following questions:

OBSERVATION – What does the text say?

1. As you read **Acts 1:1-11**, what comes to mind? What stands out? What is interesting to you and why?
2. In one sentence, how would you summarize this text?
3. What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to convey?

INTERPRETATION – What does the text mean?

1. Who are the “men of Galilee” being addressed in Acts 1:11?
2. Who spoke to the disciples in this verse?
3. What event had just taken place before this statement was made?
4. Why do you think the disciples were “looking into heaven”?
5. What did the angels say about Jesus’ return?
6. What does the phrase “this same Jesus” teach us about Christ?
7. How does Acts 1:11 connect to Jesus’ earlier promises about His return?
8. What does this verse teach about the Second Coming of Christ?
9. Why was it important for the disciples to stop staring into heaven and move forward in obedience?
10. How does Acts 1:11 prepare believers for the mission that follows in the rest of Acts?

APPLICATION – How can you apply the text?

1. How does the promise of Jesus’ return affect the way you live today?
2. Are there moments when you focus more on “waiting” than on serving God faithfully?
3. What mission or responsibility has God called you to pursue while waiting for Christ’s return?
4. How can believers maintain hope and faithfulness during difficult seasons?
5. What distractions keep people from living with urgency and purpose for God?
6. How should the certainty of Jesus’ return change the priorities of Christians?
7. In what ways can you encourage others with the hope found in Acts 1:11?