



- I. Preface to the second volume – vv. 1-2.
- a. The scope of the first account was the earthly life, ministry, and teaching of Christ, from birth to ascension - all that Jesus did and taught
 - b. Jesus instructed His disciples by the Holy Spirit before being taken up
- II. Jesus' post-crucifixion ministry – vv. 3-5.
- a. He presented Himself alive to the apostles w/ many convincing proofs
 - b. He was seen by them on numerous occasions for 40 days following resurrection
 - c. He spoke about the kingdom of God
- “Kingdom of God” Acts 8:12; 14:22; 19:8; 20:25; 28:23
- d. He commanded them to stay in Jerusalem until the fulfillment of the Father's promise
 - e. He promised them a new baptism – w/ the Holy Spirit, within a matter of days
- III. Mission Impossible? – vv. 6-11.
(The apostles' eschatological curiosity is quelled with a call to mission)
- a. The apostles wondered whether Jesus would restore the earthly kingdom to Israel – v. 6.
Dan. 7:14, 27; Joel 2:28-32
 - b. Jesus redirected their question, identifying their new mission – vv. 7-8.
Isa. 49:6

- i. Their new mission was to be energized by the Holy Spirit
- ii. The Holy Spirit's arrival would be accompanied by power
- iii. The energizing presence of the Holy Spirit would compel them to action – witness
- iv. The action which they were compelled to do would be performed in an organized manner
 - 1. Starting with their immediate vicinity – Jerusalem
 - 2. Extending to their next-door neighbors & fellow countrymen – Judea
 - 3. Continuing to their despised foreigners – Samaria
 - 4. Culminating in the most remote locations – the farthest parts of the earth

Acts 8:26-40; Col 3:11; Rom. 15:24, 28

- c. Jesus ascended to heaven after charging His disciples with their new mission – vv. 9-11.
 - i. He went up in a cloud
 - ii. As Jesus was ascending in the view of the apostles, God sent two angels to them
 - 1. The angels woke the disciples up – why are you standing here looking
 - 2. The angels prophesied Christ's return – He'll come back as He went

The Big Idea: Your MISSION (primary task) is to WAIT on the Lord's return
and WORK by witnessing about Jesus.