

ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN TO DO AND TEACH ACTS 1:1-11

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¹The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

Introduction:

The first two verses of the book of Acts contain a brief narrative connecting Acts back to the Gospel of Luke. Luke, who accompanied Paul during much of his missionary work, and is the human penman of both books.

In this first verse we read of all the Jesus began both to do and teach. The book of Luke shows us the beginning of Jesus' works and doctrine. The book of Acts traces the continued ministry of Jesus through the works of the apostles and the early church.

After the Lord was taken up to Heaven, he began directing His church through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, just as He promised.

John 16:7-11

⁷ Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. ⁸ And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

1. OUR MISSION (VSS. 8)

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⁸ But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

2. OUR MIGHT (VSS.8)

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3. OUR MOTIVATION (VSS. 9-11)

Acts 1:9-11

⁹ And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; ¹¹ Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.