

Acts 1:1-11

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- 1) The Book of Acts is the picture of the practical side of the outworking of the New Covenant:
 - From the work of Jesus on earth to that of the followers of Jesus.
 - From the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.
 - From Israel as God's witness nation to the Church as God's witness people.
- 2) *1:1-2* Jesus had opened the minds of His followers to understand the Old Testament concerning Himself (Luke 24:44–48), but there were other lessons they needed to know before launching out.
- 3) *1:2* This is the first mention of the Holy Spirit.
- 4) *1:3* Confidence in Jesus' resurrection is so important because our own spiritual power depends on it.
- 5) *1:3* The Kingdom of God encompasses much more than the millennial kingdom and has two basic aspects:
 - Universal Kingdom—God's rule over all of His creation
 - Mediatorial kingdom—God's spiritual rule over His people (through a mediator)
- 6) *1:4* Power is the companion of Truth. Don't rush into Kingdom work unprepared. You can never carry out God's work in your own strength.
- 7) *1:4* In the present age, the gift/presence of the Holy Spirit takes place for all believers immediately at conversion. At that moment, every believer is placed into the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13).
- 8) *1:5* This work of the Holy Spirit is delineated in John 16:8–11:
 - convicting of sin
 - revealing the truth about Christ
 - leading to acceptance of the gospel
 - baptizing into Christ
 - convicting the believer of continuing sin
 - forming Christlikeness in the believer

- 9) *1:6-7* Jesus does not deny the disciples' expectation of a literal Kingdom. Their understanding was correct, except for the timing.
- 10) *1:8* Ordinary people are able to do extraordinary things because the Spirit of God is at work.
- 11) *1:8* The primary purpose for which the power of the Holy Spirit came was so that Jesus' followers could be His witnesses (the Great Commission—Matthew 28:19-20).
- 12) *1:11* The literal, physical, resurrected Savior—the Jesus they knew and loved—would come again to earth just as He ascended from earth.

GREEK WORDS

Dynamis (doo'-nam-is)—force; specially miraculous power :- ability, strength, might (wonderful)
 Kairos)—times; refers to features, characteristics of eras, and events

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