

Acts – Birth of the Church

The Beginning of the End

Acts 1

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Introduction:

- Video – How Atheist think Christianity started.
 - Full letter name – The Acts of the Apostles
 - Theophilus – “One who loves God”
 - **Luke 1:1-4**
 - Greek – **Apologia** ... English – **Defense** ... “*To speak on behalf of oneself or of others against accusations presumed to be false — ‘To defend oneself’*”
 - **1st Peter 3:13-15**
 - **Luke 1:1-4**
 - **Romans 10:17**
 - **Hebrews 11:1**
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1. Jesus Showed Himself:

- a. Acts 1:3-5
- b. Matthew 28:9
- c. Luke 24:37-43
- d. Luke 24:13-32
- e. Mark 16:14
- f. John 20:26-31
- g. John 21
- h. Matthew 28:18-20
- i. 1st Corinthians 15:6-7
- j. There are still people who deny truth of any kind –
- k. **Bernard Ramm** ... speaking of the forensic nature of **Acts 1** says the following about it ... “*In Acts 1, Luke tells us that Jesus showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs (En Pollois Tekmerious) – This was an expression indicating the strongest type of legal evidence.*”
- l. **Albert Mosley** - “*We have seen that these historians (Lucian, Dionysius, Polybius, Ephorus, Cicero, Josephus, and Tacitus) were quick to criticize their fellow writers if they gave inaccurate accounts ... A person who gave an inaccurate account of something that had happened was regarded as having – in some measure at least – failed. We would expect to find such charges were brought against the New Testament writers, if they had failed in this way.*”
- m. **2nd Timothy 3:16-17**
- n. Acts 1:4-5

2. Don't Worry about When:

- a. Acts 1:6-8
- b. The church is not about location or ethnic group.
- c. Matthew 24:27
- d. Acts 1:7-8
- e. Mark 8:36

3. Get to Work!

- a. Acts 1:9-11
- b. 2nd Timothy 3:16-17

FIVE BAPTISMS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT							
	NATURE	PURPOSE	BY	SUBJECTS	ELEMENT	ACT	DURATION
JOHN'S	Commandment Lk. 7:29,30	To prepare for Messiah Jn. 1:31 Lk. 3:3-6 Acts 19:4	John Mk. 1:5	Penitent Jews Mk. 1:4,5	Water Jn. 1:26	Immersion Mk. 1:10 Jn. 3:23	Ceased before cross Acts 19:3-5
SUFFERING	Experience Mk. 10:38,39	1. To bring salvation I Pet. 2:24 II Cor. 1:5,6 2. Resulting glory Heb. 12:2 II Tim. 2:12	Wicked Men Acts 2:23 II Thess. 3:1,2	1. Jesus Mk. 10:38 2. His followers Mk. 10:39	Suffering Mk. 10:39	Overwhelming Matt. 27:46,50	1. On the cross Matt. 27:50 2. Till Jesus returns II Tim. 3:12
HOLY SPIRIT	Promise Acts 1:4,5	1. To empower for special work Acts 1:8; Jn. 16:13; Jn. 14:26; II Cor. 12:12 2. To prove God's acceptance of Gentiles Acts 11:15-18	Christ Matt. 3:11	1. Apostles Acts 2:1-4 2. Cornelius' household Acts 11:15,16	Holy Spirit Matt. 3:11	Overpowering Matt. 10:19,20 Acts 2:4	Occurred but twice Acts 2,10 Each a special case
FIRE	Warning Matt. 3:11,12	Punishment Matt. 25:45,46	Christ Matt. 3:11	Wicked Matt. 3:10 II Thess. 1:7,8	Fire Matt. 3:11	Overwhelming Rev. 20:15	Everlasting Matt. 25:41
GREAT COMMISSION	Commandment Matt. 28:19 Acts 2:38	Forgiveness Acts 2:38 I Pet. 3:21	Disciples Matt. 28:19	Penitent believers Mk. 16:16 Acts 2:38	Water Acts 8:36-39	Immersion Rom. 6:3-5	Till end Matt. 28:19,20

Gareth Reece. "New Testament History" (Braun-Brumfield, Ann Arbor, MI 1966) pg. 7.