

Assignments on Acts 1

Read Acts 1 then answer these questions.

1. To whom is this book addressed – 1:1? (Think: What does this name mean?)

2. The author had written a “former account” covering what subject(s) – 1:2?

3. **Special Assignment:** Compare Acts 1:1,2 to Luke 1:1-4. What conclusion do you reach about who wrote the book of Acts? Give reasons for your answer.

4. State the theme of Acts (note 1:8). (Bonus assignment: Take the time to read the whole book. As you do make a list of major themes that are frequently mentioned in the book.)

5. What group of people had Jesus chosen and given commandment to? (Think: What does this tell you about how men became apostles?)

6. **Define** “apostle.”

7. For what did Jesus present many proofs – 1:3? (Think: Name some of the proofs.)

8. How long did Jesus appear to the apostles and what did He discuss with them?

9. Where were the apostles to remain and why – 1:4?

10. What did Jesus promise they would receive and when? To whom did Jesus address the promise of 1:4,5? (Think: Is it addressed to all Christians? What does this tell you?)

11. List **passages** that contrast John’s baptism to Holy Spirit baptism similar to v5.

12. **Special Assignment:** List differences between water baptism and Holy Spirit baptism by comparing passages on Holy Spirit baptism to Mark 16:15,16; Matthew 28:18-20, etc.

13. What question did the disciples ask Jesus – 1:6?

14. How did Jesus answer their question – 1:7?

15. What did He say the Holy Spirit would do for them – 1:8?

16. **Define** “witness.” What does this tell you about the work of the apostles?

17. **Special Assignment:** List four things you learn in verses 1-8 about Holy Spirit baptism. (Think: How does this differ from folks today who say they received Holy Spirit baptism?)

18. Compare Acts 1:3-8 to Mark 9:1 (note the “power” and the kingdom). How did the coming of the Holy Spirit relate to the coming of the kingdom? (Think: Jesus refused to say when the kingdom would begin, but what had He said about when the Spirit would come – v5?)

19. **Special Assignment:** Read Col. 1:13; Rev. 1:9; and 1 Cor. 15:21-26. What do you learn about the doctrine that the Jesus’ kingdom will begin when He comes again?

20. In what geographical order would the gospel spread – 1:8? (Think: How does this compare to the order in which the gospel was actually spread as the book of Acts unfolds?)

21. Describe how Jesus finally left the earth – 1:9-11.

22. What promise did two “men in white apparel” make? (Think: What does this tell us about Jesus’ second coming?)

23. From where did Jesus ascend to heaven, and where did His disciples go from there – 1:12? (Note: consult a **map** for these locations.)

24. Name the eleven apostles as listed in Acts 1:13. (Think: Why only eleven?)

25. Who else was with the apostles? How many were there altogether – 1:14,15?

26. Describe how Judas died – 1:16-18.

27. What did people call the place where he died – 1:19?

28. Describe the prophecy that Peter applied to Judas' case – 1:20. Give **book / chapter / verse** for the Old Testament location.

29. To serve as an apostle, what kind of man was needed and what work would he do – 1:21,22?

30. Name the two men who were suggested as possibilities to replace Judas – 1:23.

31. Who actually chose Judas' successor and how was it done – 1:24-26? (Think: What was the significance of casting lots?)

32. How does this compare to how the other apostles were chosen? What can we learn?

33. Who was finally chosen?

34. **Case Study:** Some churches claim to have apostles or successors to Jesus' apostles. Based on what we have learned, could this be true? Explain your reasons.