

## **LEARNING WITH LUKE - ACTS 1:1-11 "TIME TO ACT"** P. 1080 ESV PEW BIBLE

**Acts 1:1-11** - In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach until the day when He was taken up, after He had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen. He presented Himself alive to them after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God... He said to them, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

### **1- Read THE BOOKS** - about Jesus Christ

Acts 1:1-3 - *author* (Luke beloved physician)  
Col 4:12-14, 2Tim 4:11, Philemon 1:24,  
Acts 16:6-40, 20:5-15, 21:1-18, 27-28  
Luke 1:1-4 - *audience* (Theophilus)  
Acts 24:2, 26:25 - *most excellent*  
Luke 1:3, Acts 1:2, 28:31 - *purpose*  
Luke 6:12-16 - *apostles chosen*

*Luke intends to write 'Biblical narrative' to continue God's story where it left off in the OT and Gospels. In light of God's promises, Acts presents the continuing reign of Christ in the inaugurated kingdom of God. -AJ Thompson*

### **2- Receive THE PROMISE** - of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:4-5,8 - *divine power*  
Luke 24:44-49 - *from on high*  
Matt 3:11, 28:16-20, Mark 1:8, Luke 3:16, 12:12,  
John 1:33, 7:39, 14:16, 17,26, 15:26, 16:7,13,31, 20:22,  
Isa 32:15, 44:3-5, Jer 31:31-34, Joel 2:28-32, Ezek 36:25-27, 37:4-5,14

*In heaven Christ Jesus always represents us; and from heaven He always rules us, and empowers us. -DE Johnson*

### **3- Fulfill THE MISSION** - be My witnesses

Acts 1:3,6-7 - *kingdom of God*  
Mark 1:15, Matt 4:17, Luke 11:17-20, 13:18-30 - *growth*  
Luke 1:33, 4:43, 6:20, 7:28, 8:1, 10, 9:2, 11,27,60,52, 10:9,11, 12:31,32, 14:15, 16:16,  
17:20,21, 18:16, 17,24,25,29, 19:11,12,15, 21:10,31, 22:16,18,29,30, 23:42,51 - *kingdom*  
Luke 19:11-44, Matt 24:34,36,44,50 - *times*  
Mark 16:15, John 20:21, Matt 28:16-20 - *authority*  
Acts 1:8, 8:12, 14:22, 19:8, 20:25, 28:23, 31 - *ambassadors*  
Acts 1-7 - *Jerusalem*, Acts 8-12 - *Judea, Samaria*, Acts 12-28,  
Isaiah 43:10, 44:8, 49:6, Ps 98:3 - *witnesses to ends of the earth*  
Matt 24:14, Acts 2:5, Col 1:6,23, Rom 16:26 - *all creation, whole world*

*We witness to our generation, as His Spirit draws dead rebels into true life, in submission to Christ's rule. -DE Johnson*

### **4- Serve THE ASCENDED ONE** - exaltation of Christ

Acts 1:9-11, 2:33-36 - *into heaven*  
Luke 24:51, Mark 16:19 (14:62), John 17:1-5,24 (1:1-5), Dan 7:13-14,  
Ps 2:1-12, 68:18, 110:1-7, Phil 2:9-11, Heb 1:1-4, 1Pet 3:22, 1Tim 3:16, Rev 5:6-13 - *coronation*  
Eph 1:20-23, Heb 2:5-10, 1 Cor 15:20-28,49-57 - *consummation*

*The empowerment of the Spirit is the completion of Christ's incarnation, cross, resurrection, ascension, & exaltation, and the promise of Christ's coming is included in the message of the Gospel, as the apostles make clear. -James Philip*

### **5- ACTS OF THE REIGNING LORD** - universal regency

Acts (10:34-48), Epistles, Revelation - *to today*

*The consummation of the kingdom is still in the future, but the reality of the kingdom is now. And our mission as the church is to bear witness to the reality of that kingdom, to the uttermost parts of the earth. -RC Sproul*

### **DAILY BIBLE READING ENGAGE~WORD~CHURCH~COMMUNITY~WORLD**

6-19 **John 17:1-26** - *sanctification*  
6-20 **Luke 24:44-49** - *mission*  
6-21 **Matt 28:16-21** - *commission*  
6-22 **Luke 24:50-53** - *ascension*  
6-23 **Acts 1:1-11** - *exaltation*  
6-24 **Eph 1:15-23** - *glorification*  
6-25 **1Cor 15:20-28** - *consummation*

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♦ *How will I be transformed, by God's truth, in the Spirit's power, as I trust & obey?*

ACTS of the  
**Ascended**  
Lord Jesus Christ