



The Power of the Holy Spirit

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- Acts 1:8, NIV -

“You will be my Witnesses” (1-11)

1. Who is the human author of Acts? Who was Luke writing to? (1) What is the meaning of the addressee's name? What was Luke's first book about? (2)
2. What did Jesus do following his resurrection? What was his message? What command did he give his disciples? (4) What promise did he make? (5)
3. What burning question did the disciples ask Jesus (6)? What kind of kingdom did they have in mind? What was Jesus' answer? (Think about how kingdoms rise and fall over time. Think about how they are established and maintained.) How is Jesus' kingdom different?
4. Look at verse 8. Divide this verse into two main parts. Which part comes first? Why? Were the disciples experienced world travelers? What did they lack to be powerful witnesses?
5. Look at verse 8b. Where was their assigned mission field? Why? What is your Jerusalem? What role does the Holy Spirit play in witnessing?
6. What happened next? (9) What thoughts might the disciples have had as Jesus left them? How did the angel's words help them? Why is it important that we remember that Jesus will come back?