

A NEW DEVOTION

Acts 1:1-26

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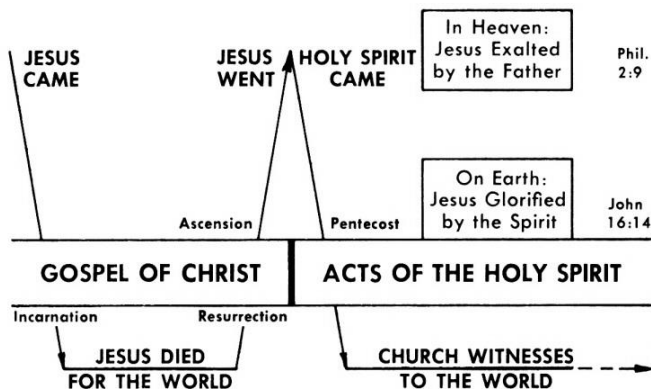
The Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are connected to each other.

Compare *Luke 1:1-4* and *Acts 1:1-3*

Compare *Luke 24:44-53* and *Acts 1:4-9*

What Luke writes in Acts 1 proceeds from the final chapter of Luke.

THE EXPANDING WITNESS OF THE SPIRIT EMPOWERED CHURCH



Chapter 1 functions as the prologue or introduction to the historical accounts in Acts.

Divided into four sections:

1. Vss 1-5 – The resurrected Jesus with His disciples
2. Vss 6-8 – Jesus' missionary strategy for the Church
3. Vss 9-11 – Jesus' ascension to heaven
4. Vss 12-26 – The selection of Matthias

Notes for Section 1: The promise of the Holy Spirit.

Notes for Section 2: The Apostles and the Church are called to be witnesses.

Notes for Section 3: The Ascension – Jesus returns to heaven.

1. The Ascension marks the ultimate end of His earthly ministry.
2. The Ascension marks the end of His earthly limitations.
3. Jesus comes to earth in Spirit, returns with a body.

4. The Ascension establishes the eternal and universal worship of our Lord.

5. The ascended Lord becomes our merciful and sympathetic High Priest.

6. The Ascension guarantees His triumphant return.

Notes for Section 4: The selection of Matthias.