ACT LIKE ONE SENT

Acts 1:1-8

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"In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach . . ." [v. 1]

". . . until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen." [v. 2]

Theme #1- Ministry of Jesus CONTINUES.

"After his suffering he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." [v. 3]

SERMON NOTES

Theme #2 – Convincing PROOFS of the Living Lord.

"On one occasion while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised which you heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." [Vv. 4-5]

Theme #3 – Critical PROMISE of the Holy Spirit.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws." [Ezekiel 36:26-27]

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." [John 15:26]

“So when they met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” [v. 6]

Theme #4 – The KINGDOM OF GOD vs. kingdom of Israel

“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 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.” [Vv. 7-8]

SERMON NOTES

Theme #5 – Not a plan to work, but POWER to witness.

“You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching.” [Acts 5:28]

“A great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” [Acts 8:1]

“For two whole years Paul stayed there [Rome] in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ.” [Acts 28:30-31]

We believe in the Living Christ
Who sends us into the world
Empowered by His Holy Spirit
To live as His disciples,
To express God’s saving love,
To extend His kingdom.