

Acts 1:1-11
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1:1-5 Prologue – Opening of Acts

- The Big Picture (1-3)
 - The same Recipient – see Luke 1:1-4
 - Convincing proofs/ 40 days
 - Teaching – Kingdom of God
- Specific Example (4-5)
 - Proof: Eating with them...
 - Teaching: Stay in Jerusalem
 - Gift = Holy Spirit
 - Note: 40 days – allows for time to go to Galilee (John 21)

1:6-8 The Task

- Question: Is this the time? (6)
 - Nationalistic hopes: Israel!
 - See connection b/w pouring out of Spirit & Kingdom of God (Isa. 32:15-20; Ezek. 39:28-29; Joel 2:28-3:1; Zech 12:8-10)
- Answer: “Nunya” (7)
 - Stay in your own lane...
- Answer: Witnesses (8)
 - Two part – will receive power, will be witnesses
 - Witness = Someone who tells what they have experienced, that is, what they have personally seen and heard.
 - Concentric circles –
 - Jerusalem – Acts 1-7
 - Judea/ Samaria – Acts 8-12
 - Ends of the earth – Acts 13-28

1:9-11 The Ascension

- Jesus “taken up”/ “cloud” (9)
 - Cloud – See Luke 9:34; Ex. 19:16; Dan. 7:13; Luke 21:27
- Apostles looking intently (10)
- Angels rebuke (11) - “Git going!”

Application:

- Are you convinced?
- Get busy!
- Jesus is coming!