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## WAITING FOR THE WORLD TO CHANGE

### ACTS 1:1-5

#### BACKGROUND ON ACTS

Written by the physician, Luke, as a continuation of his gospel account.

Written to Theophilus, who likely commissioned the record.

Written to show how the gospel spread through Jesus' empowered disciples.

#### I. The apostles waited for Christ's wondrous \_\_\_\_\_ to continue.

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. vv. 1-2

IF YOU'RE NOT SURE **what's next**, obey the last thing you were \_\_\_\_\_.

#### II. The apostles waited with Jesus as He \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to them.

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. v. 3

IF YOU'RE NOT SURE **what's next**, allow Jesus to adjust any unaligned \_\_\_\_\_.

#### III. The apostles waited to receive what was \_\_\_\_\_.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." vv. 4-5

IF YOU'RE NOT SURE **what's next**, commit to act when God makes His next step \_\_\_\_\_.

IF YOU'RE *waiting* for your world to change,  
allow Him to change \_\_\_\_\_ *first*.





Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

1. In what ways do you think it's important to look at the heart of God in Matthew before studying the book of Acts? How did the introduction for this new study in the sermon create a sense of excitement in you for what's ahead?

"Jesus proves Himself to be alive to the apostles for a period of forty days. The disciples and readers such as Theophilus can be assured that Jesus is alive. His divine mission is alive and well on earth. More than that, He gives instruction to prepare them for mission, while also promising that enablement for this mission will come to accomplish what is needed for God's kingdom. So Jesus instructs them to remain in Jerusalem and not to begin the mission until the long-promised enabling Spirit comes from the Father. What they have to do is so important and will require so much from them that God must equip them for the task. God will not let them down. He will give them the one they need to accomplish taking the message to the end of the world. Thus this review introduces, reassures, and prepares the reader for what God has called the new community to do. The church's primary task is to represent God faithfully, including witnessing to God's work in Jesus through the Holy Spirit."

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2. Read Acts 1:1-5. What is Luke's stated purpose in writing this account?

3. What words and phrases does Luke use to drive home the truth of Christ's resurrection? Why is it so important that Jesus showed Himself to the apostles and gave many convincing proofs that He was alive?

4. In what ways did Jesus prepare and equip His apostles to continue His ministry and life on earth, both in Matthew and in these verses?

What helps you to feel equipped to carry out Jesus' ministry on earth?

5. In Acts there is always a close connection between the activity of God's Spirit and the proclamation of the gospel. Those who experience the baptism or filling of the Spirit immediately begin speaking to others about the truth of God and His Son, Jesus Christ. How vocal are you about the things of God, and why?

6. As we start a new study for this year, what can you ask the Lord to do through you?

Because the timing of this study is so urgent, what changes in your life would you like to see so you keep moving forward and consistently grow in Jesus, and tell others about Him?

**BAND OF BROTHERS: FROM CANAAN TO CAPTIVITY** If you're looking for a place to grow alongside other men in all stages of life, Band of Brothers is the place for you. From weekly discussion and study of God's word to encouragement and fellowship, join us starting Thursday, Jan. 12, at 6:30 a.m. or 7 p.m. and together, continue our journey through the book of Genesis. Register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/bob.

**WOMEN IN THE WORD: THE KING OF GOD'S CHOOSING** The story of God's gracious establishment of Israel's monarchy continues in 2 Samuel as David, the king of God's choosing, ascends to the throne. Although David loves God, he does not always obey Him perfectly, and God's sovereign hand never leaves David. This story exposes our need for a perfect, righteous king—King Jesus, Son of David! We hope you join us! Beginning Thursday, Jan. 12, at 9:45 a.m. and 7 p.m., you can register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/wiw.

**WINTER MORNING OF PRAYER** As the new year begins, let's focus our hearts and attentions on the Lord. On Saturday, Jan. 14, from 9 a.m. to noon, the women of Christ Chapel will gather in the Sanctuary for prayer, worship and testimonies. Afterward, there will also be time set aside for personal prayer. Bring your Bible, journal and a heart ready to hear from the Lord. Register today by visiting www.ccbcfamily.org/prayer.

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