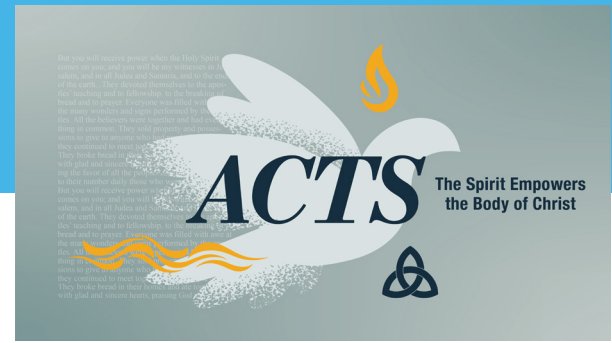


Discussion Questions

January 21, 2024

Acts: Which Jesus Do You Serve?



1. Share an example of when you firmly believed something about God and eventually found you were wrong about it or changed your view.

2. Read Acts 1:1-8.

In what ways did the disciples misunderstand Jesus' kingdom?

Discuss how they could spend three years with Jesus, hearing all His teaching and witness his death and resurrection, and still have such a wrong understanding of what He came to do.

How does Jesus respond to them completely missing the point of His coming?

3. In what ways have Christians today allowed our culture and society to negatively influence our understanding of Jesus' mission and Kingdom?

4. In what areas of your life have you have tried to force Jesus into your own box (intentionally or unintentionally), or tried to conform Him to your own image, rather than allow Him and His teachings to shape you?

5. James emphasized the importance of humility in allowing Jesus to reshape our theology, worldview, and actions according to how Jesus is revealed in Scripture. Discuss how we can practically do this.

6. If appropriate, share one area you feel challenged where your actions, worldview, or beliefs are out of alignment with Jesus as revealed in the Bible.

Acts 1:1-9 (NLT)

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?" He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

Genesis 3:6 (CSB)

So she took some of its fruit and ate it; she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Acts 1:2 (NLT)

everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:6 (NASB 2020)

So, when they had come together, they began asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time that You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Mark 10:35–37 (NLT)

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor." "What is your request?" he asked. They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

Luke 22:24 (NLT)

24 Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John Calvin - Commentary on Acts (1560)

Marvelous is their rudeness, that when as they had been diligently instructed by the space of three whole years, they betray no less ignorance than if they had heard never a word. There are as many errors in this question as words.

Acts 1:8 (NASB 2020)

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."



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