

Jesus Gives His Final Words to His Apostles

Acts 1:4-5: STAY & WAIT

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1. Luke Picks _____ Where He Left _____

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After reviewing his first volume:

- About Jesus' life, activities, and teachings
- From the beginning of Jesus' ministry to His final commands, up to the day He ascends into heaven

Luke begins Acts by describing the last words and ascension in greater detail.

2. _____ Jesus Commands: The Apostles

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WHO IS "THEM"?

- Matt 28:16-20 – A dangerous example of misinterpretation
- Acts 1:1-14 – The APOSTLES → Men of Galilee → Named

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

- Did Jesus define a leadership structure or not?**
- Why did Jesus train the Twelve more than others?**
- Does the church have defined roles or not?**
- Does Jesus / Epistles differentiate gender or not?**
- Acts identifies them as apostles, males, & by names.**

1 Cor 15:3-8 – Provides a Timeline

The Eleven Appearances of Jesus After the Resurrection

Eph 2:19-22 – Foundation of the Apostles (not everyone)

Jesus directly addressed and commissioned the apostles as foundational leaders of the future church.

This established the qualifications, structure, order, and reinforced historical gender roles.

3. Jesus Commands Them to _____

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- Where: Jerusalem**
- What: Do not be _____ (~) from**
- How: As a group, not going your _____ ways**

Jesus directed and designed the church to begin as a group and to remain as a group, a unit.

4. Jesus Commands Them to _____

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- What: Be _____ (~)**

Though this was a key event, it must be observed that God's activity may require us to wait. God's work is not always instant or immediate.

- Why: For the _____ of the Father**

John baptized in water

You will be baptized in the holy spirit

- When: Not many days from now**

We are not intended to function on our own.

Jesus' Last Words (Acts 1:4-5): STAY & WAIT

Jesus working in us takes **time**. He works through a progression of processes to mature us, to equip us, and to qualify us for ministry. We must patiently participate.

Jesus directed and designed the church to begin as a group and to remain as a group, a **unit**. In Acts, we will see the church in action, working as a unit.

Jesus does not intend for us as believers to function on our own. God has given His **Promise**, the Holy Spirit, Who connects us to Jesus, indwells us, empowers us, fills us, and seals us. We will study the Holy Spirit extensively in the Book of Acts.