

KEEP JESUS WEIRD

An 8-Part Study of the Book of Acts - **Part 1: To the Ends of the Earth** - Sermon Study Guide 4/7/19

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Study Questions:

What was the author's "former book?"
Who was Theophilus?

Who was Luke, and why do we think he wrote Luke-Acts?

Why was research so important to Luke, and how accurate was he?

Why did it matter that Jesus was really alive?

What was the "gift" that God promised, and what did Jesus previously say about this gift in Luke 24:45-48?

What is the difference between being baptized with water and being baptized with the Holy Spirit?

The disciples hoped Jesus would "restore the kingdom to Israel," but Jesus had other plans to send them into Israel and beyond to be his witnesses. What was so significant about his vision of a unified worldwide movement?

Bible References:

Acts 1:1-2 In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

Acts 1:3-8 3 After his suffering, he presented himself to them 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. 4

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 have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

8 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."

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