

The Beginning

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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..."*

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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.*"

Act 1:1-8

Acts 1:1 "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that *Jesus began to do and to teach...*"

Luke - That was the *beginning* of the _____ of Jesus.

Acts - Now it is the *beginning* of the _____ of Jesus.

Acts 1:2 "...until the day he was taken up to heaven, *after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit* to the apostles he had chosen.

*** We have also been _____.**

*** We are an _____ of Jesus.**

Acts 1:3 "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."

*** Demonstrative Evidence – _____ proof that Jesus was alive!**

Acts 1:4-5 "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.*"

*** Being patient is not always _____. _____ and _____ gifts from God come with being patient.**

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*** It's not about _____, it's about _____.** **What are you going to do today to build His church?**

Acts 1:8 "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.*"

*** Let's be _____ and _____ in being kingdom builders.**

Actions Steps:
