

Questions on Acts chapter 1

1. To what does the “former treatise” refer and what do we know about Theophilus? Verse 1.

2. With what day did the former treatise end and what commandments were given? Verse 2.

3. To whom did Jesus show himself alive after his death, for how long a period of time, and what was the subject of his conversations with them? Verse 3.

4. Why were the apostles not to depart from Jerusalem? Verse 4.

5. What was “the promise of the Father” and when was it to take place? Verse 5.

6. What is not strange and what is strange about the question of the apostles? Verse 6.

7. What was more important than knowing the time of the coming kingdom? Verse 7.

8. When would they receive power to carry out the commission of Christ and what would be their successive fields of labor? Verse 8.

9. What does Luke tell in his gospel about Jesus' ascension that is not mentioned in his account in Acts? Verse 9. (See Luke 24:50-51)

10. Why do you think Matthew and John do not mention such an outstanding event as the ascension of Jesus? Verse 10.

11. What will be the manner of Jesus' coming again according to the angels? Verse 11.

12. Do you think the apostles were sad over Jesus' departure as they returned to Jerusalem? Verse 12. (See Luke 24:52)

13. Why were the eleven apostles in the upper room? Verse 13.

14. Jesus' brothers (half-brothers, actually) had once disbelieved (John 7:5). What do you think it was that convinced them and brought about a united family? Verse 14. (See 1 Corinthians 15:7)

15. Do you think the 120 disciples who were together made up all those who believed on Jesus? Verse 15. (See 1 Corinthians 15:6)

16. What arguments can be made that the apostles' selection of a successor to Judas was unauthorized and invalid and what arguments can be made that it was valid? Verse 16.

17. Can you think of any scripture that states Jesus chose Judas? Verse 17.

18. How did Judas purchase a field and how do we reconcile the facts of his death stated here with Matthew 27:5 which states he hanged himself? Verse 18.

19. Do you think it was called “the field of blood” because it was purchased with “blood money” (Matthew 27:7) or because it was where Judas shed his blood verse 18? Could both things be true? Verse 19.

20. Do the passages in the Psalms apply specifically to Judas or to the wicked in general? Since the Holy Spirit has not yet come upon the apostles, are they acting by inspiration or by scriptural authority, that is, general prophetic authority? Verse 20.

21. What were the two qualifications for a disciple to be selected to be a successor to an apostle? Verses 21-22.

22. Why do you think only two men were presented for selection? Verse 23.

23. Did the Lord or the apostles choose the person to fill Judas’ apostleship? Verse 24.

24. Do we know what Judas’ “own place” was? Would this be an example of falling away and being lost? Verse 25. (See John 17:12)

25. Are there inspired passages that later give sanction to the selection of Matthias irrespective of the origin of his appointment? Verse 26.