

“What Jesus Does Well”

Jesus is awesome in what He does and teaches.

Acts 1:1-5

Jesus is the best at:

Communicating, Convincing, and Commanding

I. Communicating - “do and teach” (vs. 1-2)

Jesus’ instruction comes with (an):

- A. Aide** – “*through the Holy Spirit*”
 - Aide By the Holy Spirit = Using the Holy Spirit to make understood
- B. Aim** – “*whom He had chosen* ”
 - Aim For those who He Chooses = Picked Out
- C. Absolutes** – “*given commandments*”
 - Through absolutes = Charges or instructions

II. Convincing – “*infallible proofs*” (vs. 3)

Jesus persuades using:

- A. Passion** – “*after His passion*”
 - His Passion demonstrates:
 - *God so loves the world*
 - *Jesus is the Messiah*** *Centurion = this was a righteous man*
- B. Proofs** - “*many infallible proofs*”
 - The word “proofs” occurs only here in the New Testament and looks at demonstrable evidence in contrast with evidence provided by witnesses. In other words, the Resurrection was proven by touch, sight, and feel (cf. Luke 24:39-40; 1 John 1:1). Compare to Matt. 28:11-15.
- C. Passages** - “*the kingdom of God*”
 - Passages= the things pertaining to the kingdom of God = The Old Testament predictions Compare to Luke 24:45

III. Commanding - “commanded them ” (vs. 4-5)

Jesus’ directives are specific concerning the:

- A. Place** – “*from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria...*”
 - Two commandments were given by the Lord before He returned to heaven: (1) the apostolic band was to remain in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4; cf. Luke 24:49); (2) they were to

go into the world as witnesses (Acts 1:8; cf. Luke 10:4; 24:47). These **instructions** may have seemed contradictory but they were to be obeyed sequentially.

B. Power – “*the promise of the Father*”

- *Only God can accomplish what God wants accomplished*

C. Purpose – “*baptized with Holy Ghost*”

- *I Corinthians 12:13 – tells us the reason for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit = places us in the body of Christ and thus functional to the head = Jesus Christ*

To be a witness to God’s wonder working power in redeeming men and transforming lives. Compare to Matthew 5:16; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 8:29

Jesus gives us insight into what purpose our obedience will serve:

Glorifies the Father – Matt. 5:16

Builds the Church – Matthew 16:18

Enables true worship – John 4:23

Acts is a book of firsts:

➤	<i>Election of church officer</i>	<i>1</i>
➤	<i>Christian sermon</i>	<i>2</i>
➤	<i>Conversions</i>	<i>2</i>
➤	<i>Church Age miracles</i>	<i>3</i>
➤	<i>Persecution of Christians</i>	<i>4</i>
➤	<i>Chastisement of believers</i>	<i>5</i>
➤	<i>Deacons</i>	<i>6</i>
➤	<i>Sermon by a layman</i>	<i>7</i>
➤	<i>Christian Martyr</i>	<i>7</i>
➤	<i>Gentile convert</i>	<i>10</i>
➤	<i>“Christian” coined</i>	<i>11</i>
➤	<i>Apostolic Martyr</i>	<i>12</i>
➤	<i>Call to Missionary service</i>	<i>13</i>
➤	<i>Church Debate</i>	<i>15</i>
➤	<i>Gospel goes to Europe</i>	<i>16</i>

Acts really focuses on the influence of the Holy Spirit on the Local Church

In Acts we find the Church’s:

- *Birth*
- *Mission*
- *Response to Government*
- *Need to overcome prejudice*
- *Care for its own*
- *Need for commitment*

- *Dependence on the Holy Spirit*
- *Need for honesty and purity*
- *Unfinished work of missions near and far*
- *Need for thankfulness for a God who is faithful*
- *Role in God's plan as a functioning body directed by its Head*