

## **Lord, Will You Now Restore the Kingdom to Israel? (Acts 1:6-11)**

Acts 1:6 tells us what the disciples thought of the promise Holy Spirit

“Lord will you at this time restore the Kingdom to Israel?”

A good question. They knew Old Testament Scripture (Ezek 39:25,29)

A logical question: Luke 22:29,23 – Jesus had promised them the Kingdom

### **I. Jesus' Response (1:7,8)**

Jesus does not criticize them for their question, He only adds a correction

Your timing is wrong – don't think in times / seasons, focus Spirit's power

### **II. Four Important Parallels Between Acts 1 and Luke 24:47-49 Power**

1. All the nations
2. Witnesses
3. The promise: The Holy Spirit
4. Clothed with Power
  - a. We see something of the Spiritual nature of the Kingdom
  - b. Kingdom of God is universal & international in its membership
  - c. Kingdom of God and its gradual expansion

### **III. The Ascension of Jesus (1:9-11)**

He was lifted up & a cloud took him out of their sight ( 1:9; 24:51)

### **IV. Is the Power Promised then, Available Now?**

- Context of Jesus' Words: this is More Than Ordinary Christian Living
  - a. Endued with or clothed with power
  - b. Extraordinary