

The First Steps in the Heavenly Reign of the Conquering King

Acts 1:1-5

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How did a tiny church reach Rome in one generation?

The Holy Spirit had been poured out upon them.

Our once Christianized culture is dying. We are a valley of dry bones.

How is Ezekiel 37 fulfilled?

The books of the Acts is a sequel. It is volume two of Luke/Acts.

Luke 24:28-29, "You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

What is the best title of this book?

Who was Theophilus?

Why did Luke write? What was his purpose?

The Things that Jesus Continues to Do and to Teach

What was Jesus doing in the post resurrection appearances?

Jesus chose Apostles v 2 "The apostles whom he had chosen"

Jesus appeared to them "presented himself alive"

Jesus instructed them "speaking about the kingdom of God"

What is the kingdom of God?

Jesus's gracious rule over his people. Jesus's spiritual reign over the hearts of men.

Jesus Commissioned Them (v 8)

Jesus Filled Them with the Holy Spirit.

Without the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom of God doesn't go nor grow.

Where was the Holy Spirit promised? (Joel 2:28-29; Isaiah 32:14-17; Ezekiel 36:24-29)

What does the Holy Spirit do in us? (John 14:15-17; 15:26-27; 16:7)

A good summary of our passage today is Luke 24:44-49.

Application:

What can we do at Westminster in one generation with the Spirit of God?