

## **Series: A Study of the Book of Acts - Sermon 1**

### **Title: Mission Minded!/?**

**Text: Acts 1:1-11**

**January 17, 2016**

*NKJ Acts 1:1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, 3 to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. 4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 "for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. 8 "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." 9 Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, 11 who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*

### **I. Introduction**

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## II. The Believer's Message V. 3 - "Christ Is Risen"

*"to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."*

A. The Disciples Saw Him

B. The Disciples Heard Him

*"He presented Himself alive ....speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God."*

C. The Disciples Touched Him

D. The Disciples Fed Him

*"he ... ate in their presence." (Luke 24:43 NKJV)*

*"Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, (41) not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, even to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead." (Acts 10:41-21 NKJV)*

*"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life (2) the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare to you that eternal life which was with the Father and was manifested to us" 1 John 1:1-2 (NKJV)*

## III. The Believer's Might Vv. 4-5 - "The Power Of The Holy Spirit"

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Jesus had previously promised in John 14:16-18,

*NKJ John 14:16 "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper(Comforter), that He may abide with you forever -- 17 "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.*

#### **IV. The Believer's Mission Vv. 6-7 - "Establishment Of The Kingdom"**

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*"Grant unto one of these two sons of mine may sit at your right hand and the other at your left hand in your kingdom." (Matthew 20:21).*

#### **V. The Believer's Mandate V. 8 - "Make Disciples"**

*(8) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

#### **VI. The Believer's Motivation Vv. 9-11 - "Jesus Is Coming Again"**

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**When Holy Spirit controls our lives then.....**

“Discouraged folks cheer up,  
Dishonest folks fes up,  
Sour folks sweeten up,  
Closed folks open up,  
Gossipers shut up,  
Conflicted folk make up,  
Sleeping folk wake up,  
Lukewarm folk fire up  
Dry Bone shake up,  
And Pew Potatoes stand up.  
But most of all Christ the Savior of the world is lifted up”