

ACTS

You Shall Be My Witnesses

Acts 1:6-8

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1. In light of Jesus' emphasis on the kingdom of God and the coming of the Spirit, the apostles wondered if, as the Messiah, Jesus was preparing to _____ the kingdom to Israel.

- a. The Old Testament has multiple promises of the Messiah bringing about a restoration of Israel.
 - 1) As the _____ of God, the Lord will provide reconciliation between Israel and God.
 - 2) As the Son of _____, the Lord's kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom.
- b. The Old Testament promises of restoration include not only Israel, but all the _____ of the world.

2. The timing of the Lord's kingdom work has been sovereignly determined by the Lord and it is not for man to _____ these things.

"It was not the times or seasons of this one case merely, but times or seasons generally, that they were forbidden to pry into. ... This is a general _____ of all excessive curiosity in reference to such times or seasons." - J.A. Alexander

3. Jesus calls the apostles to their _____ duty and promises them they would be enabled by the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses.

- a. The _____ needed to live and be witnesses within Christ's kingdom comes by the Holy Spirit.

"Jesus Himself was anointed with the Spirit as God's chosen Servant and now He promises that His apostles will shortly be empowered by the same Spirit to _____ the Servant's ministry." - David Peterson

- b. The apostles were to be faithful _____ to all they had seen and heard from their time with Christ. Others are witnesses for Christ in a secondary sense as they too have believed the same message of salvation the apostles shared.
- c. The witness of the apostles was to begin in Jerusalem, move to the "reunification" of Israel (Judea & Samaria), and then continue to the ends of the earth as was prophesied in _____ 49.

*"Readers are left with an implied challenge to continue the work of worldwide testimony to Jesus."
- David Peterson*