ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
Lesson #1 - Waiting for the Kingdom
Scripture Reading: Acts 1:4-8

Introduction:
1. We know the excitement of waiting for the birth of a child.
2. The foundation is being laid for the coming of the Kingdom of God.
3. The characteristics of this foundation include...

I. MANY INFALLIBLE PROOFS
   A. Jesus beside the sea - Jn 21:1-10
      1. The disciples went fishing but caught nothing
      2. They cast their net on the other side and caught a multitude of fish
   
   B. Thomas - Jn 20:24-29
      1. He was not with the others when the Lord appeared to them, therefore he did not believe
      2. The Lord appears to him and gives him undeniable proof

II. PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
   A. Wait for the Promise of the Father
      1. He would guide them into all truth and teach them all things needed - Jn 16:13; 14:26
      2. It is apparent they still lacked perfect understanding at this time - Ac 1:6
   
   B. This promise would be fulfilled soon
      1. This occurs on the day of Pentecost - Ac 2:1-4
      2. Once they receive the power, they will testify about Jesus - Ac 1:8

III. JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN
   A. He was taken up out of their sight; more proof of His deity
   B. Angels proclaimed He is coming back in like manner
      1. Paul references this - 1Th 4:13-18
      2. This is a part of the message they preached

IV. REPLACING JUDAS
   A. According to prophecy
      1. Peter recognized the need to replace Judas
      2. This comes from Psalms - 69:25; 109:8

   B. Matthias chosen
      1. He met the qualifications - Ac 1:21, 22
      2. They cast lots for the decision to be made - vs 26

Conclusion:
1. The ground is now set and the kingdom is ready to come.
2. It is a great joy to be a part of the kingdom of God as described in the holy writ.

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