

# ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## Lesson #1 -Waiting for the Kingdom

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:4-8

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### 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.