

Notes on Acts 1

Acts 1:1-5 – Introduction, address, continuity with the former book, command to wait in Jerusalem for the Holy Spirit

Many proofs – think 1 Cor 15; Matt 28:8-10; Luke 24:13-53; John 20:11-29, 21:1-23

Exaltation – Phil. 2:6-11

Apostles – Luke 6:13; Luke 9:1-6, 10; 17:5; 22:14; 24:10

Receive the Holy Spirit – Compare John 20:22; Holy Spirit has been received in part, but there is more to come

Pour out – Baptism imagery; does it work well for submersion?

Acts 1:6-11 – Jesus' Ascension

Restoration of the Kingdom?

Power from the Holy Spirit to be witnesses of Jesus in Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea, “to the end of the earth”

Cloud as image of God – Exo 40:34-38; 2 Chr. 7:1-3 - the cloud filling the Tabernacle/Temple

Exodus 16:10 ESV And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

Daniel 7:13-14 ESV "I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

Promise of Jesus' return – 1 Thess. 4:16-17

Acts 1:12-14 – The disciples (more than the 11) gather together for prayer

Acts 1:15-26 – Peter says that Judas' spot among the 12; flashback to Judas' demise (cf. Matt. 27:3-8); Scripture, prayer and casting lots

In those days – 50 days between Easter and Pentecost (Lev. 23:15-21); 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost

Psalms 69:25 ESV May their camp be a desolation; let no one dwell in their tents.

Psalms 109:8 ESV May his days be few; may another take his office!

Although there is a lot of detail here about Joseph and Matthias, they are never mentioned again

The choosing of Matthias is still considered to be the work of Jesus, not of the apostles

Why 12? Jesus chose 12. Correspondence with the 12 tribes of Israel