

Acts 1 - Waiting in Jerusalem

Text: Acts chapter 1

I. Some thoughts on Luke and the book itself

Luke investigated, spoke to eyewitnesses; in Acts, Luke becomes an eyewitness. Acts 8:1 vs. 16:10

Luke, a Gentile, becomes a traveling companion with Paul, faithful to Paul til the end. II Tim 4:10

Luke a tremendous historian

Book of conversions; of the Holy Spirit's work; of firsts; of Peter and Paul's work

Written 61-63 A.D; first 30-35 years following resurrection of Jesus

II Period of teaching and the ascension, 1:1-11

~50 days from Passover to Pentecost

Apostles still not in full understanding in Chapter 1. Ref. John 1:14

Not time to gaze up into heaven; ministry to be prepared for.

Real, literal return of Jesus Christ anticipated

In Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth

III. The upper room meeting, 1:12-26

Listing of the 11 Apostles given; greatest men on earth

Judas fell by transgression, not death. His office taken, but in Acts 12 James' office is not taken.

Prime ministry: witnesses of the resurrection, v 22

We stand on their testimony today; always will

Left waiting in Jerusalem, watching and praying. Ref. Matt 26:41