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Acts

Study #1 Acts 1:1-11

Jesus Taken Up Into Heaven

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| A. (READ) | What does it say? |
| B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) | What does it mean? |
| C. (REFLECT) | What does it mean to me? |

1. *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Who wrote the book of Acts? Who is Theophilus? Theo= God)/ Philus= love of (love of God). Choices: a. to everyone who loves God. b. to a person named by parents who loved God. c. to a person who has earned a reputation of loving God, as a nickname.

C. (REFLECT) We should be known for our love for God. what is one way that we can show our neighbors our love for God and therefore build a reputation for loving God?

2. *until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Jesus ascended into Heaven. But first He taught 500 of His disciples for 40 days (after His resurrection)

C. (REFLECT) Cherish the time you spend in studying God's Word, the Bible. How much time each day do you spend in praying & Bible reading?

3. *After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Jesus spoke about the Kingdom of God.

C. (REFLECT) How much do we think about Heaven? Let us focus on the Kingdom of God in 2 places: a) in Heaven, & b) also right here in the Earth. Live with the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22- “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness & self-control)” in our lives, as soldiers and workers in the Kingdom of God here on Earth, until He comes back and we share it with Him in the Kingdom of God in Heaven. Take one of these nine aspects of the Fruit of the Spirit and tell how you can use it as a witness for Jesus tomorrow.

4. *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Jesus said, “Stay in Jerusalem for now and I will send you the Holy Spirit as a guide”.

C. (REFLECT) When we wait for God to guide us, how will we know when to act on His guidance? Tell about a major decision you once made (marriage, new job, moving, etc.) and how you knew the right choice.

5. *For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.*”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) John the Baptist practiced water baptism, while the new baptism discussed is Baptism of the Holy Spirit, to come soon. The difference seems to be, that while water baptism signifies sorrow over sins, baptism by the Holy Spirit seals our salvation and gives guidance for life.

C. (REFLECT) When did you receive Jesus into your heart as your Savior? Please 1) tell about that time, and 2) why you made the change and 3) how you are now different.

6. Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) (please summarize this verse in your own words)

C. (REFLECT) You can talk with God and ask questions. How will God answer you when you ask a question in prayer?

7. He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) (please summarize this verse in your own words)

C. (REFLECT) God has commanded us to trust Him to have the best decisions. When do you think Jesus will return? Of course, we cannot be sure until it happens!

8. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) This is the table of contents (outline) for the book of Acts: 1) Jerusalem (city, like Davao), 2) Judea (province, like Davao Del Sur), 3) Samaria (neighboring province, like Bukidnon) and 4) ends of the Earth (everywhere, like New York, Africa, etc.)

C. (REFLECT) What if you could go anywhere on the Earth, all expenses paid. Where would you go? How could you share Jesus there?

9. After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Jesus ascended. He had spent, 1) 30 years growing up, 2) 3 years in ministry, 3) 3 days of passion (cross & resurrection), and 4) 40 days preaching to over 500 people, before His ascension back into Heaven.

C. (REFLECT) A cloud hid Jesus from their sight. When does it seem like God is hidden from you? At these times is He still there? (for example, when it is nighttime, and you cannot see the sun, it is still up there.)

10. *They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Men in white came to be messengers (to bring God's message)

C. (REFLECT) Angels help us. They can look like us. 1) How would you respond if you saw an angel? 2) Would you respect them? 3) In what condition or experience would God send angels to you? 4) When did God send angels to talk to people in the Bible?

11. *"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."*

A. (READ)

B. (RE-EMPHASIZE) Jesus will return, in reverse of what you just saw.

C. (REFLECT) Live as if Jesus were to return today. And yet plan as if He were coming Back in a thousand years. 1) If Jesus came back today, how would you prepare? 2) If Jesus were to come back in a thousand years, how would you prepare?