



The Key to Revival
Acts 1:1-11

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- ❖ It is applied now.



Acts 1:1-2

In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

Who wrote the New Testament?

- ❖ Luke – 27% - Luke and Acts
- ❖ Paul -- 23 % - 13 letters
- ❖ John – 20% - John, 3 letters, Revelation



Luke 1:1-2

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word.



Luke 1:3-4

With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

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Acts outline

- ❖ Early church (1-12)
- ❖ Paul's ministry (13-28)

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Luke's roles

- ❖ Doctor
- ❖ Historian
- ❖ Diplomat
- ❖ Lawyer
- ❖ Theologian / Evangelist



Acts 1:3

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.

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Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Acts 1:4-5

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

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Acts 1:6

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



Acts 1:7-8

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



John 14:12

[Jesus to disciples]: “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”



If / Then

- ❖ If Jesus paid it all at the crucifixion.
- ❖ If Jesus showed his power over death with the resurrection.
- ❖ If Jesus continues to work for us since the ascension.
- ❖ Then, we should repent of our low expectations / small ambitions.

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Ask the right question:

- ❖ Not “Will this work for me?”
- ❖ But “Is it true?”

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Acts 1:9

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

Acts 1:10-11

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



Matthew 9:12-13

On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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II Timothy 3:1

But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days.

II Timothy 3:2-4

People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—



II Timothy 3:5

-- having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.



Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because
it is the power of God that brings salvation
to everyone who believes



John 8:31-32

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

II Corinthians 4:16-17

Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

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Are you being called?

- ❖ To receive Christ
- ❖ To become a member of Melbourne Community Church
- ❖ To pray / to receive prayer
- ❖ To affirm or reaffirm a commitment
- ❖ To receive the LORD's Supper