

Luke 1:1-4 (NASB) “In as much as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

First: The AUTHORITY that calls us to our mission.

Acts 1:1-3 (NASB) “The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen. To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.”

“The Continuing Words and Deeds of Jesus by his Spirit through his
Apostles.”

John 1:14 (NASB) “And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

John 14:9-10 (NASB) “Jesus said to him, “Have I been so long with you, and yet you have not come to know Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.”

Second the POWER that strengthens us for our mission.

Acts 1:4-5 (NASB) “Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, “Which,” He said, “you heard of from Me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Ephesians 5:18 (amp) “Be not drunk with wine for such is excess, but be ye continually being filled with the Holy Spirit.”

Third: The KINGDOM that directs our mission.

Acts 1:6 (NASB) “So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, “Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?”

Why are you standing around?
Acts 1:1-11

The **verb** - “*restore*”

The **noun** “*Israel*”

The **adverbial clause** “*at this time*”

Acts 1:7-8 (NASB) “He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Fourth: The HOPE that motivates us in our mission.

Acts 1:9-11 (NASB) “And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 (NASB) “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.”

Application:

What is your answer to the question posed by the angels to the disciples?

Can your live be defined as a continuation of the words and deeds of Jesus?

Are you trying to do “FOR GOD” in you own strength or are you giving yourself fully to Him to “fill you to the full” with His Holy Spirit?

Are you concerned about things that God has fixed by His own authority or is your greatest concern about the spread of His Kingdom to all peoples everywhere?

How do you want to be found when Christ returns? Living comfortably building your own kingdom or working hard continuing the work and words of our Lord Jesus Christ?

What has the Holy Spirit reveled to you this morning?

How will you adjust your life to obey what He has shown you?

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