

- I. Jesus gave them the truth of God (v. 1-2)
 - A. Jesus did the work of God
 - B. Jesus spoke the words of God
 - C. Jesus chose and trained apostles of God
- II. Jesus gave them evidence of his resurrection (v. 3a)
 - A. 40 days of evidence was convincing

“With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33)

- III. Jesus gave them instructions about the Kingdom of God (v. 3b)
 - A. The kingdom of God is spiritual kingdom
 - B. The kingdom of God is the rule of God in human hearts
- IV. Jesus gave them the promise of baptism with the Holy Spirit (v. 4-5)
 - A. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a gift from God

“I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.” (Ezekiel 36:27)

- B. The baptism of the Holy Spirit was taught by Jesus

“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have said to you.” (John 14:26)

- C. The baptism of the Holy Spirit requires that we wait
- D. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is a guaranteed promise
- V. Jesus gave them a compelling mission (v. 6-8)
 - A. We are called to be witnesses for Jesus
 - B. We are assured of Holy Spirit power

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.” (Ephesians 3:16)

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

C. We are called to share the gospel with the world

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” (Matthew 28:19)

VI. Jesus gave them an inspiring motivation (v. 9-11)

A. We are motivated knowing Christ ascended to heaven

“Jesus Christ who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand – with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.” (I Peter 3:22)

B. We are motivated knowing Christ intercedes for us

“Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.” (Romans 8:34)

C. We are motivated knowing Christ will return to earth

“While we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.” (Titus 2:13)