

Acts 1:4-14

“The Ascension of Jesus Is An Empowerment”



After Jesus ascended to heaven, his movement continues spreading around the world up to this day. His movement went to Europe, Asia, America, South America, and Africa.

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After He had promised to build “the church” I can imagine in my mind the alienation, the heartache, the loneliness that the disciples must have been feeling because the leader of the movement has left them. Like many who have endured the loss of a leader, I am sure that there were questions that arose like, “What would Jesus want us to do?”

“I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high”. Luke 24:49 NRSV

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1:8 NRSV

“While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” Acts 1:4-5 NRSV

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

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 NRSV



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Conclusion: The ascension of Jesus is an empowerment for us to go and make disciples.