

ACTS Building a Healthy Church

The Ascension of Jesus

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Guiding Statements for the Series

In every generation, the church must be reminded to hold fast to Scriptures' authority, because in every generation we are tempted to replace Scripture with something else.

If we are to have healthy churches, full of healthy Christians, we are going to need answers to a lot of questions. The answers to these questions are found in the book of Acts.

-Albert Mohler

The Ascension of Jesus Christ

Often overlooked, but essential to the Christian faith.

Redemptive History

Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost begins the era of the **New Covenant**. **Jeremiah 31:31-33**

Why is Christ's ascension important?

- The _____ of Jesus Christ. **Ephesians 1:20-23**
- Christ has become the _____ for those who believe in Him. **Hebrews 4:15-16**

Building a Healthy Church from Acts 1

- ❖ While there is uncertainty in the immediate future, we trust the Lord through obedience. This secures our eternal future.
- ❖ No one is beyond God's grace. Think of Jesus' earthly family.
- ❖ The church needs to be unified. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
- ❖ The church needs to pray. **Acts 1:14**

10 Big Ideas from ACTS 1

1. Acts is the **SEQUEL** to the **Book of Luke** written by Luke to a Roman Official named **Theophilus**.
2. Acts is the story of the continuing work of **Jesus**.
3. Jesus spoke for 40 days about the **Kingdom of God** between His resurrection and ascension.
4. **Power** is coming with the Holy Spirit.
5. The Kingdom of God is not national (Israel) but is going **global**.
6. The **Spirit of God** and the **Word of God** are more than enough to do the **Work of God**.
7. As long as Jesus is still ministering, so can we.
8. We are to be **witnesses**.
9. Judas is replaced by **Matthias** to join the other 11 disciples: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (Son of Alphaeus), Simon the Zealot and Judas (Son of James).
10. 120 followers of Jesus are left waiting and praying.

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