

The Story Continues . . .

Acts 1:1–5

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- Starts with a review (Verse 1–3)
 - “The first book . . .”(1)
 - Gospel of Luke

Luke 1:1–4 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

- Good old-fashioned sequel, thus the title of the series, **“The Story Continues . . .”**
- Theophilus (1)
 - Written early 60’s AD
 - Possibly a report given to a donor or supporter of the journeys
- From Birth to Ascension (1b–3)
 - Given commands (2)
 - Wait for the Spirit
 - Great Commission
 - Through the Holy Spirit (Worked in unity with Father & Spirit) (2)

Acts 10:37–38 ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

- Evidence of the validity of his messiahship and resurrection (3)
 - Presenting himself alive to them
 - Resurrection
 - Many proofs
 - Mary Magdalene in the Garden (John 20)
 - Two men on road to Emmaus (Luke 24)
 - Appearing to them for forty days

1 Corinthians 15:5–8 ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

- Peter (Luke 24)
- Disciples with Thomas absent (Luke 24; John 20)
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- Miraculous catch of Fish (John 21)
- Restoration of Peter (John 21)
- Great Commission (Matthew 28) (Acts 1)
- Ascension (Luke 24) (Acts 1)

- Paul recalls these appearances in one of his messages on his first missionary journey.

Acts 13:30–31 ³⁰But God raised him from the dead, ³¹and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people.

- Speaking about the kingdom of God

- Wait for Empowerment (4–5)
 - o Do not depart Jerusalem (4)

Luke 24:49⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

- o Wait for the promise of the Father (4)

John 14:15–17¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 16:7⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

- Acts 2 (At Pentecost, Feast of Weeks, 50 days after Passover)
- John the Baptist foretold this promise (5)

Matthew 3:11¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Assignment is the same, source of power is the same, we already have access to the promise.