



How Did We Get Here?

Acts 1:1-11

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The book of Acts will show us how God builds His church primarily by empowering His people to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The book of Acts recounts the first generation of the Christian Church, a period of roughly 30 years. The contrast from the start of Acts in Jerusalem to its conclusion in Rome is breathtaking, and raises the question: How did we get here?

How did the body of Christ, starting with a group of 11 disciples and other followers in Jerusalem, spread to thousands all across the Roman Empire?

1. Empowered

2. Proclamation

Questions to Consider

1. Read Acts 1:1-11. Who is the primary focus of these verses? Why did you answer as you did?
2. If you haven't already done so in recent weeks, make time this week to read through the book of Acts in its entirety. There are 28 chapters, so you can do it in four chapters a day. What are some of your observations about the main theme(s) you see in your reading?
3. What's the connection between the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts? On what verses do you base your answer?
4. Read Acts 1:6. What did the disciples expect of Jesus? Are there ways in which you've had expectations about Jesus that were narrow and self-centered?
5. Read Acts 1:7-8. How would you describe the manner in which Jesus corrected His disciples? Is there anything you can learn about correction from His approach?
6. In Acts 1:5 Jesus said the disciples would be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and in v. 8 He said they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Who is the Holy Spirit and what are some of the things that the Bible tells us about His ministry to believers?
7. Read Luke 24:45-48 and Acts 1:8. To what task were the disciples called? Describe that task and how it applies to believers today. What are the essential elements of the Christian testimony of Jesus Christ?