

Catch the Wave
Acts 1:1-3, Luke 16:19-31

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I. Introduction to the Acts of the Apostles. Acts 1:1

“As such, it (Acts) provides us with a valuable account of how the church was able to grow and spread out from Jerusalem into the _____ of the Roman Empire.” (Chuck Swindoll)

- Luke was a fellow _____ of the Gospel who was with Paul on his second and third missionary journeys.

The name **Theophilus** means _____ by God or friend of God.

- *“To trace our Lord’s unseen but actual continuance of His divine teaching and working; and, to trace the active ministry of the Holy Spirit as the abiding _____ in the church.”* (Arthur Pierson)

II. Jesus appeared after the Resurrection. Acts 1:2-3

“We cannot afford to attempt the _____ appointed us without the same anointing.” (Pierson)

- The ministry of the Holy Spirit is to guide, empower, comfort, _____, teach, and intercede in the lives of believers and unbelievers, as well. **John 16:7-11**

Jesus appeared to the Disciples before His ascension on the Mount of Olives. Jesus also appeared to over five _____ people during those forty days. **1 Corinthians 15:3-8**

III. Jesus’ proclamation. Luke 16:19-31

- a. _____ which is also known as Paradise. **Luke 16:22**
- b. The second compartment was the holding place for the _____. **Luke 16:23**

Hell exists so the LORD can deal righteously with sin. **Matthew 25:41**

- Jesus went to announce to the Old Testament saints that He had fulfilled the righteous _____ for sin and because they died in Faith in God, Jesus told them they were now set free.

Throughout time, people all received salvation the same way, by _____ in God, but the Old Testament saints had to wait for Jesus.

Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9

- If a believer dies today, they are _____ with the Lord!
2 Corinthians 5:8

Small Group Discussion

Looking back at your notes from this week’s sermon, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. Read **Acts 1:1**. What is the main purpose of the **Book of Acts**? Who was the author of the book? What do we know about the author?
Colossians 4:11, Colossians 4:14, Philemon 1:24, Acts 17:1, Acts 20:5, 2 Timothy 4:11
2. Who was Theophilus? Discuss the different possibilities that were mentioned during the sermon.
Luke 1:1-4, Acts 23:26
3. Read **Acts 1:2-3**. What is the function of the Holy Spirit for believers and non-believers? Why is it important to do ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit?
John 16:7-11, 1 Corinthians 6:19, John 14:26, Isaiah 11:2, Romans 8:26, Galatians 5:22-23
4. Discuss the people Jesus appeared to after the Resurrection.
1 Corinthians 15:3-8, Luke 24:13-27, John 20:24-27, John 21: 1-14
5. Read **Luke 16:19-31**. What are the two compartments of Hades that existed before the Cross, mentioned in this passage? Where did the Old Testament saints go that trusted the LORD before the Cross? What happens to a believer who dies today? How are people saved?
Ephesians 4:10, Luke 23:43, John 19:30, Matthew 27:50-54, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 2:8-9, John 1:11-13, 2 Corinthians 5:8