

Book of Acts | How Much Longer Do We Have To Wait!?

Acts 1

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1| Read Acts 1:1-3

Some facts regarding the opening paragraph of this book: The former account is the Gospel of Luke. The name Theophilus means 'One who loves God.' It's a fascinating possibility that Theophilus was a Roman official being briefed by Luke about the history of the Christian movement. What 3 things may Luke have wanted to show Theophilus and the Romans about Christianity? If that was the thought behind Luke writing the book of Acts, based upon the history of Christianity, was it effective?

2| Read Acts 1:4-8

Jesus knew that they really could do nothing effective for the Kingdom of God until the Spirit came, so they were told to wait. They knew that this Promise of the Father would come, but they did not know exactly when. Jesus had a purpose in not telling them exactly when it would come. What is that purpose? What 3 things does the command to wait imply?

3| Reread verses 6 & 7

The disciples were looking for the millennial kingdom to be established- "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" How do false teachers use verse 7 to teach against bible prophecy? Why should we understand prophecy? How would most all of us likely respond had Jesus given us the exact time of His return?

4| Jesus told the disciples, "You will receive POWER when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." What kinds of things does this power enable the believer to do?

5| Read Acts 1:9-11

He left physically and will come again in like manner. He left visibly and will come again in like manner. In the meantime there will be some hardships to endure, even for the Christian unless the rapture takes place very soon. What kinds of hardships did Pastor Tom discuss that are on the horizon? Read a portion of scripture that gives you hope in perilous times?