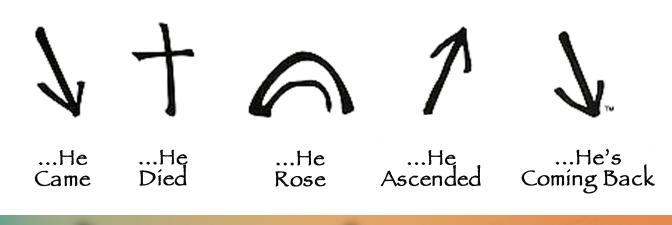
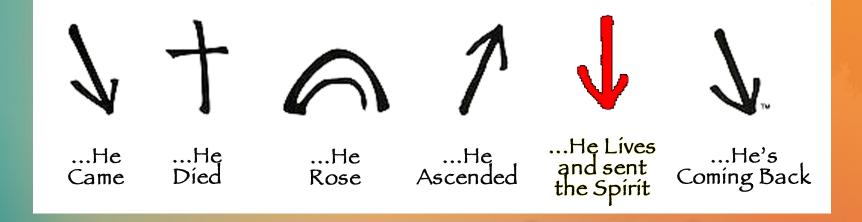
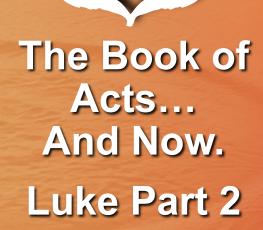
The Perpetual Jesus Acts 1:1-11





"Began to do"
Luke Part 1





Luke Part 2

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.

WHO

Luke was a physician and one of Paul's ministry companions in the Book of Acts who lived out the birth of The Church.

WHAT

The book of Acts is "Luke part 2" and given as an "orderly account" of the Birth of The Church through the ongoing reign of Jesus.

WHY

The point of Acts is to give us "certainty" that Jesus is still alive and the Gospel is not only true but perpetually and unstoppably moving forward.

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.



⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, ¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

- 1. The Resurrected Jesus
 - 2. The Ascended Jesus
 - 3. The Descended Spirit



The Resurrected Jesus (In His Glorified Body)

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The Ascended Jesus

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Prophet

The Ascended Jesus is our ultimate Prophet:

God's Word to Us

Priest

The Ascended Jesus is our ultimate Priest:

Our Representative to the Father

King

The Ascended Jesus is our ultimate King:

God's Power
Unleashed in
and through us

The Descended Spirit (The Perpetual Power of Jesus)

"wait for the promise of the Father"

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- What it is
- Why We Have it
 - How we get it



(A lot more on this in the weeks to come)

Why We Have It

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Why We Have It

Westminster Confession

Question 1: Answer: What is the chief end of man?
Man's chief end is to glorify God,
and to enjoy him for ever.

...to be able to love God and to love others.



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"A missional church then is one that trains and encourages its people to be in mission as individuals and as a body.....the church must not be only attractional: it also must equip and send (people) into the world to minister....missional churches must equip laypeople both for evangelistic witness and for public life and vocation.

. . .

In missional churches, all people need theological education to "think Christianly" about everything and to act with Christian distinctiveness. They need to know which cultural practices reflect common grace and should be embraced, which are antithetical to the gospel and must be rejected and which practices can be adapted or revised."

Center Church by Timothy Keller

How You Get It

You are more sinful than you dare face

We broke
Creation. Sin is
not being
perfectly
faithful to God,
our Groom, in
our hearts,
minds, actions
and inactions.

You are more loved than you dare dream

Because of God's infinite love, Jesus came to live the life we needed to live and died the death we deserved to die

You are more powerful than you dare imagine

When Jesus ascended to heaven, he sent his perfectly powerful Spirit to indwell us to work His will through us.

Perpetual Power Applied

Mutual Indwelling

You are in Christ; Christ is in You
If He is in you, you don't have to ask for
"more" of him because you already have all of him.



Perpetual Power Applied

Live The Indwelling
 Because you are Loved and given His Power:

Who does God want to love through you this week?
Who needs Good News?

