



The Perpetual Jesus
Acts 1:1-11

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...He
Came



...He
Died



...He
Rose



...He
Ascended



...He's
Coming Back



“Began to do”

Luke Part 1

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...He
Came



...He
Died



...He
Rose



...He
Ascended



...He Lives
and sent
the Spirit



...He's
Coming Back



The Book of
Acts...
And Now.
Luke Part 2

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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.

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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.

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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.”

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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.”

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

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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**

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The Descended Spirit

(The Perpetual Power of Jesus)

“wait for the
promise of the
Father”

⁸ But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has
come upon you

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

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(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: What is the chief end of man?

Answer: 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.

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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."

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.**

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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.**

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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?

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