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Acts 1:1-11

JOIN THE JOURNEY

TITLE OF THE PASSAGE "Be My Witnesses"

KEY VERSE Acts 1:8

MAIN IDEA OF THE PASSAGE Christ promised His disciples they would receive power from the Holy Spirit and be witnesses throughout the earth.

PERSONAL REFLECTION

vv. 1-8: Directions from Christ

vv. 9-11: Departure by Christ

Christ gives His disciples final instructions and a promise. The transformation of the disciples from cowering behind locked doors (John 20:19) to being bold witnesses for the risen Christ is one of the most compelling proofs of the resurrection.

Jesus' instructions:

— WAIT in Jerusalem for the baptism of the Holy Spirit (vv. 4-5);

— RECEIVE power (v. 8); then

— BE my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth (v. 8).

The Book of Acts recounts how the early church told the world who Christ is. Am I a bold witness for Christ? Do I depend on my power or the power of the Holy Spirit?

POINT OF ACTION Be a witness for Christ and the salvation He offers.

PRAYER Father, it is amazing that You would use me to be Your witness when a rock could do a better job. Teach me to be bold as I give an account of the hope that is within me because of knowing the living Christ.

Memory Verse: Acts 1:8

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 farthest parts of the earth.

