

# The Acts of the Holy Spirit

## Chapter 1

Take a look at Acts 1:1-2 and compare it to Luke 1:1-4. What elements in both texts point to the likelihood that the same pen wrote both texts? Does the writer self-identify in either text? What things led Christians to the traditional claims of authorship of these books?

According to the opening verses of Acts, what does Jesus mainly speak about in the forty days after his resurrection? In Acts 1:6, what question remains for his disciples concerning the same, and how do Acts 1:7-8 answer that question? What modern English words derive from the Greek concept of “witness”?

Take a quick look at Daniel 7:13. How does Jesus’s mode of exit echo that passage, and when the angels tell the disciples of Jesus’s return, what promise from Daniel do they echo? In Acts 1:12-14, who all returns to the upper room, and what is their purpose for gathering there?

When Peter addresses the gathering in Acts 1:15-20, what occasion does he seek to address, and what’s peculiar about the way that he interprets Psalms 69 and 109? Even though his reading violates the normal rules of interpretation, what about the moment, theologically speaking, makes this sort of reading a fitting one?

When the apostles set forth to discern who should be the new twelfth disciple, why is the number twelve so important? Are the criteria for apostleship set down here binding for the whole career of the Church? What evidence from the New Testament leads to that answer? How do those gathered choose between Barsabbas and Matthias?