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JESUS APPEARS TO THE DISCIPLES

LUKE 24 (TNIV)

⁴⁵ **...he OPENED THEIR MINDS so they could understand the Scriptures.** ⁴⁶ He told them, *"This is what is written: THE MESSIAH will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,* ⁴⁷ **and ④ repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached IN HIS NAME to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.** ⁴⁸ **YOU are WITNESSES of these things.**

⁴⁹ ① I am going to send you
what my Father has promised;
② but stay in the city
③ until you have been clothed with power from on high."

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

ACTS 1 (TNIV)

¹ In my former book...I wrote about **all that Jesus began to do and to teach** ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, **after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.** ³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them & gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days & spoke about **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** ⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

② **"Do not leave Jerusalem,**
① **but wait for the gift my Father promised,**
which you have heard me speak about.
⁵ For John baptized with water,
③ **but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

⁶ So when they met together, they asked him, “**Lord, are you at this time going to restore THE KINGDOM ④ to Israel?**”

⁷ He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

⁸ ③ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses ② in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, ④ and to the ends of the earth.”

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes...

¹² Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AT PENTECOST

ACTS 2 (TNIV)

¹ ③ When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and *filled the whole house* where they were sitting. ³ They saw **what seemed to be tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on *each* of them. ⁴ **All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak** in other tongues [or languages; also in v. 11] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying ② in Jerusalem ④ God-fearing Jews FROM EVERY NATION UNDER HEAVEN. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because *each one heard their own language being spoken*. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that *each of us hears them in our native language?* ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs — **we hear them DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD in our own tongues!** ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

1. Jesus will send the _____ the Father _____ us.

- “I am going to send you what my Father has promised” (L 24:49)
 - “wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.” (ACTS 1:4 — NUM. 11:24ff.; ISA. 61; EZEK. 36:24-27; JER. 31:31ff.)
- Our Father loves to _____ good _____ to his children! (L 11:13; A 2:33)

2. We have to _____ for it in _____.

- “repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached IN HIS NAME to all nations, *beginning at Jerusalem*” (LUKE 24:47)
 - “*stay in the city* until you have been clothed with power from on high” (LUKE 24:49)
 - “**Do not leave Jerusalem**, but wait for the gift my Father promised” (ACTS 1:4)
 - “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem” (ACTS 1:8)
- Ministry starts where God has _____.

3. We will be _____ with the _____ and with power.

- “until you have been clothed with power from on high.” (L 24:49)
 - “in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 1:4)
 - “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (ACTS 1:8)
 - “The wind filled the whole house...The fire came to rest on each of them. All of them were *filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... declaring the wonders of God in other languages” (ACTS 2:1-4)
- To be his _____, we will need his _____.

4. This gift isn't just for _____...it's for _____!

- “repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached IN HIS NAME to all nations...” (LUKE 24:47)
 - “Lord, are you...going to restore THE KINGDOM to Israel?” (A 1:6)
 - “you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (ACTS 1:8)
 - “declaring the wonders of God in other languages” (ACTS 2: 4)
 - “*each one heard their own language being spoken*. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: ‘Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?’ ⁸ Then how is it that *each of us hears them in our native language?* ¹¹ — **we hear them DECLARING THE WONDERS OF GOD in our own tongues!**” ¹² Amazed & perplexed... (ACTS 2: 5-12)
- We are _____ to BE a _____!