

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Empowered: A Study of the Book of Acts Empowered by Jesus

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<sup>1</sup> Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and servants of the word. <sup>3</sup> With this in mind, since I myself have **carefully investigated everything** from the beginning, I too decided to **write an orderly account for you**, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that **you may know the certainty** of the things you have been taught. Luke 1:1-4, NIV

Luke wrote his gospel of carefully \_\_\_\_\_ facts about the life of Jesus so we can have certainty of \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, *Theophilus*, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after **giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen**. Acts 1:1-2, NIV

For three years Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his apostles so he could hand over public ministry to them.

<sup>13</sup> When **they saw the courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and **they took note that these men had been with Jesus**. Acts 4:13, NIV

<sup>3</sup> After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many **convincing proofs that he was alive**. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup> On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days **you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit**." Acts 1:3-5, NIV

Luke wrote the "Acts of the Apostles" to document the work of the Holy Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Acts 1:6, NIV

When we pray, "\_\_\_\_\_" we are asking for **spiritual power, not an earthly kingdom**.

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But **you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:7-8, NIV

Jesus gives each one of us the power and responsibility to be his \_\_\_\_\_ at home and throughout the world.

<sup>9</sup> After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. <sup>10</sup> They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup> "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, **will come back** in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." Acts 1:9-11, NIV

Jesus' work here on earth is \_\_\_\_\_.

Our \_\_\_\_\_ work of witnessing is just beginning.

### MEMORY VERSE

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**My next step:** I will examine and believe God's truth in the Bible. I will be a witness of Jesus' love throughout the world with the power he provides.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.