

CrossWalk **notes**

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

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¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were **eyewitnesses** and servants of the word. ³ 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, ⁴ 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 _____.

¹ In my former book, *Theophilus*, 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**. Acts 1:1-2, NIV

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

¹³ 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

³ 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. ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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 _____.

⁶ 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**.

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 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.

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "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.