

ACTS: A Church Afire

This is Who We Are

Acts 1:1-11

A Sequel ...

Luke 24:45ff

Three Essential Gospel Themes:

Physical _____ – Jesus is the _____ king over sin and death!

The centerpiece of _____ sermon in Acts.

Public _____ – Jesus is the _____ king at the right hand of the Father!

Jesus is the completed sacrifice and continuing intercessor and High Priest of Hebrews.

This is the glorification of the Son of Man taught by John.

His is the ultimate lordship written of by Paul.

This is the great triumph foretold by David in Psalm 110.

Promised _____ – Jesus is the _____ king who will rule over all!

The royal proclamation that Jesus is King includes _____ and _____ and the call to _____. (Acts 3:20-21, 10:42, 17:31)

And now ...

A powerful _____ will be established to complete the mission!

What is the mission?

How will it be carried out?

The Last Words of Jesus:

"It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 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 end of the earth."

His mission will be carried out through a _____ of _____ who _____.

This mission is _____ ...

The 4 mentions of "heaven" in verses 10-11 are not about Jesus' _____, but his _____! He is in heaven _____! (See: Acts 2:33-36)

This mission is _____ ...

Jesus, who sits at the right hand of the Father sends the Holy Spirit – God's _____ – to and for his people!

This mission is _____ ...

No exceptions. No exclusions. The Gospel is for neighbors and nations.

This mission is _____ ...

From 120 in Acts 1 to "many thousands" in chapter 21, God was, is, and will ever be _____ over His mission. The reigning Lord will continue to add to his church until he returns for her!

Therefore ... **Don't just stand there!**

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."