

RE-EXAMINING THE MISSION OF JESUS

PART 7

“THE HARVEST BEGUN”

“From the Upper Room to the Uttermost Reaches of the World”

(Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1-28)

INTRODUCTION:

“Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

—Luke 24:45-49

THE BOOK OF ACTS

“The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus did to do and teach,…”

—Acts 1:7

Volume 1: His Work Completed.

Volume 2: His Work Continued,... by the _____ through the _____.

THE _____ AND _____ ARE VITALLY LINKED IN THE REDEMPTIVE WORK OF CHRIST: (Acts 1:1-2:47; Ephesians 1)

“...until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.” (Acts 1:2)

1. The Separation is _____. (Acts 1:9-11)

2. The Separation is _____. (Acts 1:4-5)

3. The Separation was _____. (1:6-2:47)

a. It marked the _____ of a new _____. (1:8)

b. It marked the _____ of a new _____. (2:41ff.)

c. It marked the _____ of a new _____. (1:5; 2:1-13)

THE PROPHETS ANTICIPATED THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS NEW WORK, FOR...

1. ...this work of the Spirit... would cross _____ barriers.

2. ...this work of the Spirit... would cross _____ barriers.

3. ...this work of the Spirit... would cross _____ barriers.

"This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses. Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear."

—Acts 2:32, 33

WHILE THE CHURCH _____ IN JERUSALEM, IT DIDN'T _____ IN JERUSALEM. WE ARE CALLED TO _____. IT IS NOT AN _____ BUT A _____.

"Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away."

—Acts 13:2b, 3

THE CENTRAL CHARACTERISTIC OF A DYNAMIC AND EFFECTIVE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH IS A _____ AND _____ TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

**1A. A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH IS WILLING TO _____ :
"LORD, WHATEVER YOU _____."**

**2A. A SPIRIT-FILLED CHURCH IS WILLING TO _____ :
"LORD, WHATEVER YOU _____."**

CONCLUSION: