

# **Studies in the Acts of the Apostles**

## **NT Survey Lesson 51--Acts 1**

**Introduction:** The book of Acts is Luke's sequel to his wonderful historical account of the life of Jesus. William Ramsay, noted archaeologist, once observed on the basis of his studies that Luke should be placed among the greatest of historians. He made these judgments on the basis of the impeccable accuracy of the book of Acts. In it Luke tells the story of the proclamation and spread of the gospel over the ancient Roman world. In this chapter we read the foundation and preparatory work of that great mission.

### **Introduction and Jesus' ascension--Ac. 1:1-11**

1. To what does Luke refer when he speaks of "the first account I composed about all that Jesus began to do and to teach"?
2. How does Luke describe Jesus' post-resurrection appearances? Over what time period did these appearances take place? How many are actually recorded or referred to in the N.T.?
3. What did Jesus command His disciples to do before His ascension to heaven? What did He promise they would receive? What would the Holy Spirit give them?
4. What did Jesus say the disciples would be? Where?
5. What question did the disciples ask Jesus? What did this indicate about them (Were they ignorant or curious?)?
6. What did the angels of God declare as Jesus ascended to heaven?

### **Peter leads in the selection of Matthias--Ac. 1:12-26**

1. How did the apostles spend their time as they waited in Jerusalem?
2. Who joined with the disciples? Are you surprised by any of the name? How many were there all together?

3. What did Peter propose to do? What authority did Peter have to suggest this?
4. How had Judas died? Does Luke's report contradict the report in the gospels? Explain.
5. What had been done with the money given to Judas for betraying Jesus? Did the field have an appropriate name?
6. What qualifications did one have to meet to be joined with the apostles as a witness of the resurrection?
7. How many men could meet these qualifications? Which was chosen? Who did the choosing?
8. What assurance did Peter have that the correct choice would be made?