

40 Days that Changed the World

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After Jesus was resurrected, he remained on earth for 40 days before ascending to heaven. In the early verses of Acts, we learn he did 3 essential things in that time period: (1) he gave “many convincing proofs” that he really was alive (2) he taught the disciples about the importance of the kingdom of heaven, and (3) he told them to remain in Jerusalem until they were empowered by the Holy Spirit.

What Is So Special about the Holy Spirit?

What Do We Know About the Spirit?

- *Equal with the Father and Son...active throughout scripture... empowered men and women in the Old Testament, but only for a time... inspired authors of scripture to write the Word of God*

The Spirit's Role in the Life of Jesus

- *Birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1: 15; Birth of Jesus (Luke 1: 35); Baptism of Jesus (Luke 3: 21, 22); Led Jesus into Wilderness (Luke 4: 1,2); Empowered the ministry of Jesus (Luke 4: 14)*
- *Jesus taught the Spirit is essential in our salvation (John 3: 5, 6)*
- *As Jesus prepares for the cross, Jesus instructs his disciples about the Spirit*
 - *Counselor...Spirit of truth...with you and in you...teaching... reminding (John 14)*
 - *Convicts the world of sin...truth giver...future revealer (John 16: 5-15)*
- *After His resurrection, Jesus continues to speak of the Spirit*
 - *Reaffirms that the Spirit is God (Matthew 28: 19)*
 - *The Spirit will empower the believers and the church (Acts 1: 4, 5, 8)*

The Church is Born and Led by the Spirit

- *Comes in power at Pentecost, both on Apostles and audience (Acts 2)*
- *The Acts of the Spirit are dominant in the early church – emboldening, correcting, leading*

Nice History Lesson...But What Does Any of This Have to Do with Us?

- *If the Spirit was so crucial in history...in Jesus' life...the life of the apostles...the early church.....would it stand to reason that we still need Him today...just as much?*
- *How can I be filled with the Spirit of God?*