

1. The Restoration of Israel

- a) What was the early expectation of the disciples regarding Jesus? Luke 24:21
- b) How did this expectation affect their behavior? Mark 10:35–37
- c) What misunderstanding persisted even after Jesus was raised from the dead? Acts 1:6
- d) How did Jesus respond? Acts 1:7
- e) Why were the disciples so preoccupied with the establishment of Messiah's kingdom on earth?

2. The Disciples' Mission

- a) Acts 1:8
- b) What important elements does Jesus identify when He shares this mission assignment with His disciples?
- c) What was the core message they were called to proclaim? Luke 24:44–48, Matthew 28:19
- d) Read two examples of this core message: Acts 3:13–21; Acts 10:34–43. What is your reaction?

3. Prophecy regarding the return of Jesus

- a) Acts 1:9–11
- b) Who are the two individuals dressed in white? Acts 10:30, John 20:12
- c) What is significant about Luke's description of the ascension of Jesus? (Luke 1:2 identifies his sources)
- d) Why is the testimony of these two angels so relevant for us today?

4. Preparing for Pentecost

- a) Acts 1:12–14
- b) What encouragement do you find in the composition of the group gathered in this upper room?
- c) What important lessons can we learn from this description of these early Christians?
- d) What might have been the content of their prayers?
- e) Why is prayer an important preparation for the outpouring and infilling of the Holy Spirit?

5. The Twelfth Apostle

- a) Why was it necessary to replace Judas as the twelfth apostle? Acts 1:15–22
- b) What were the important qualifications for the twelfth apostle?
- c) What are your thoughts about the process the early Christians followed to replace Judas? Acts 1:23–26
- d) What lessons about church leadership can we learn from this story that might be helpful today?
- e) Why did the early Christian leaders later abandon the casting of lots as a way of discerning God's leading? Acts 5:3, 11:15–18, 13:2, 16:6–9
- f) How can we discern God's will for our lives today?

