

Block 1 Lesson 1**The Ascension and its Aftermath****► Prologue**

1. The resurrected Jesus appeared to his apostles over a period of HOW MANY days? During this time he spoke to them about the WHAT?
forty; kingdom of God [A 1:3]

► The Holy Spirit Promised

2. To whom did Jesus promise the baptism of the Holy Spirit? When was this baptism to take place?
the apostles; in a few days [A 1:5]

► The Ascension

3. While Jesus was going, two men in white clothes stood by the apostles. What did they say to these "Men of Galilee," who were standing, looking up into heaven?
This same Jesus, who had been taken from you into heaven, will come in the same way that you have seen him going into heaven. [A 1:11]

► United in Prayer

4. Who were with the apostles in the upper room?
the women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers [A 1:14]

► Matthias Chosen

5. Why did Peter argue that another apostle should be chosen?
It was necessary that the Scripture be fulfilled that the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of David, foretold about Judas— who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. He cited Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. [A 1:16]

6. What happened to Judas, after he acquired a field with his unrighteous wages?

He fell headfirst, his body burst open and his intestines spilled out. Apparently, at some point the rope with which he hung himself broke. [A 1:18]

7. What did Peter say were the requirements for being an apostle?

From the men who have accompanied us during the whole time the Lord Jesus went in and out among us— beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us— from among these, it is necessary that one become a witness with us of his resurrection. [A 1:21]

8. When two men were proposed to take the position of Judas, how was the decision made as to which of them would be chosen?

The apostles prayed to the Lord— asking him to show which of the two he has chosen to take the place of Judas in the apostolic ministry. [A 1:24]

9. Was Matthias a genuine apostle, or was his selection premature?

Matthias was added to the eleven apostles. Luke was writing these words some years after the event. Had there been anything amiss with the selection of Matthias, Luke would have indicated it. There is no indication in the records of the early church that the apostleship of Matthias was ever questioned. [A 1:26]

Block 1 Lesson 1 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the apostles become convinced that Jesus really had come back to life after his death? How many times did Jesus appear during that time? To how many people? In what places? Under what circumstances?

Appearing to them, Jesus presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs. He appeared to them over a period of forty days. The apostles heard the risen Christ speak, saw him, touched him, and ate with him. Jesus appeared to his disciples multiple times, in two different regions; he appeared indoors and outdoors. He appeared at all hours of the day. On one occasion he appeared to over five hundred at one time. [A 1:3]

2. How can you account for the frame of mind of the apostles after the ascension?

They were joyous because they were focusing on the promise of his return, not on the sadness of his departure from them. They were continually united in prayer. [A 1:12]

3. What had changed the minds of the brothers of Jesus since his Galilean ministry?

The brothers originally did not believe in Jesus. But after his resurrection, Jesus made a special appearance to his brother James, and that seems to have turned the tide in respect to the beliefs of his brothers. [A 1:14]

Block 1 Lesson 1 QUIZ

1. To what person does Acts appear to be addressed?
--THEOPHILUS [A 1:1]

2. How long was the period of time that Jesus appeared to the apostles after he suffered?
--FORTY DAYS [A 1:3]

3. Who baptized with water?
--JOHN [A 1:5]

4. With what would the apostles be baptized in a few days?
--THE HOLY SPIRIT [A 1:5]

5. What would the apostles be to Jesus in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth?
--WITNESSES [A 1:8]

6. What would the apostles receive when the Holy Spirit came on them?
--POWER [A 1:8]

7. How many men in white clothes stood by the apostles while Jesus was going?
--TWO [A 1:10]

8. What was a Sabbath day's journey from Jerusalem?
--MOUNT OF OLIVES [A 1:12]

9. In what were the Eleven apostles continually united?
--PRAYER [A 1:14]

10. Who was a guide for those who arrested Jesus?
--JUDAS [A 1:16]

11. Through whose mouth had the Holy Spirit foretold about Judas?
--DAVID [A 1:16]

12. What did Judas acquire with his unrighteous wages?
--A FIELD [A 1:18]

13. What was the name of the field that Judas bought?
--HAKELDAMA, OR FIELD OF BLOOD [A 1:19]

14. What two men were proposed to take the place of Judas?
--BARSABBAS, MATTHIAS [A 1:23]

15. Who was added to the eleven apostles?
--MATTHIAS [A 1:26]
