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Prologue

1 ① I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach ② until the day he was taken up, after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ③ After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit Promised

④ While he was with them, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the Father's promise. "Which," he said, "you have heard me speak about; ⑤ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit in a few days."

⑥ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you restoring the kingdom to Israel at this time?"

⑦ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⑧ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

The Ascension

⑨ After he had said this, he was taken up as they were watching, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ⑩ While he