

# Biz 1 day 1



## Pray

God, quicken your word to my heart that I may know you better. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## Acts 1:1 Read verse aloud.

☞ Luke wrote this letter to a Roman Officer named Theophilus - meaning "Lover of God". What a name! He was a real rich important guy. He was a believer who could afford to make many copies of this book for others. Remember — no printing presses — just writing it all down on paper by hand.

☞ Luke wrote two books, Luke and Acts. Both were written to Ol' Theophilus. Acts starts out when Jesus lifted off the ground, rose up beyond the clouds and disappeared right in front of everyone and floated up to heaven. Wow!



## Acts 1:2 Read verse aloud.

☞ When Jesus left earth he made a promise that the Holy Spirit would come to fill and teach believers.

☞ In this scripture, Luke wants you to know that all the **apostles (person that was chosen by Jesus himself)** were chosen by God. Think about how they felt — out of everyone walking on the planet, Jesus said "I choose you".

☞ Luke said Jesus gave three specific instructions for us all:

1. Make disciples of just Jews — NO. Make disciples of just people from the Holy Lands — NO. Make disciples of just people with dark hair — NO. Make disciples of all nations — YES! That means everyone on the planet.
2. Baptize them. Have you been baptized? If not, ask your folks to get you to church and do it. This is one of Jesus' top three instructions!!!

3. Teach people to obey my commandments.

☞ Understand Jesus chose you. Yes he did! No joke. You are chosen to be in the **Kingdom of God (Spiritual reign of Christ)**. Isn't it about time you know what the Kingdom is all about? Luke's words can teach you. Back then, YOU would choose the Rabbi (pastor) that you wanted to learn from — like us choosing our own churches. This was not so with the disciples. Jesus chose THEM and He chooses YOU.

## So What?

Are you preparing yourself now to be able to write a book, be a doctor, preach? Luke, through the power of the Holy Spirit took on many missions. He reminds up to faithful to **baptize (Baptism-symbol of cleansing)** people. God has chosen YOU for a special job that begins not some day in your future but RIGHT NOW! Not when you grow up! Not when you know how to say big huge prayers real good. Not when you are 40 and have oodles of kids. NOW! Like it or not, that work at school and at home is exactly where God wants you. He has chosen you TODAY to love your friends, respect your parents, and prove yourself as a good student — not when you are older. Answer Him now and say YES to His way of doing things. It is not a mistake that you are where you are right NOW.


## Pray


# Biz 1 day 2


## Pray


God, quicken your word to my heart that I may know you better. In Jesus' name. Amen

## Acts 1:3 Read verse aloud.


 This verse says Jesus suffered and died and the disciples were very sad. They were so very sad. All their hope died when Jesus died. But Jesus appeared and disappeared in front of them over and over after his resurrection. Soon their sadness went away when they saw with their own eyes he was ALIVE.


 For 40 days after the resurrection, Jesus taught the disciples more.

 Jesus had not only hung out with them, but also taught them about kingdom stuff-stuff YOU need to know.

 You are doing the right thing, right now by learning kingdom stuff. There are kingdom words that you need to learn in order to understand you are a child of the King. Pay attention. Your kingdom is not of this world. But understand your Kingdom has won over the kingdoms of this world.

## Acts 1:4 Read verse aloud.

 While eating with the disciples one day, Jesus gave them a command. A command is a serious word. If I told you to be at McDonald's at a certain time and I promised to give you a gift, would you go? You would if you knew I ALWAYS gave good, generous gifts and never broke my promise. You would trust I would show up and NOT give you something stinky.

 If I told you to wait at McDonald's for 10 days, would you? Again, it would depend on the gift. The disciples had to wait in Jerusalem for this awesome gift. They knew gifts from Jesus were worth waiting for. They trusted his words.



## Acts 1:5

Read verse aloud.

☞ John baptized using water. You are under water then brought up washed clean. This action was a symbol for us to understand that our sins are buried and washed away. The Holy Spirit will come inside you and give you power to be good, to make good choices, and to learn how to love and share the truth about Jesus.

☞ When you ask Jesus to forgive your sins, the **Holy Spirit (3rd person in the trinity—Father-Son-Holy Spirit)** will put his suitcase down in your heart, unpack all his stuff, set up his room, make his bed, and clean out some junk that is in there. He is staying inside you during your WHOLE life if you invite him. The Holy Spirit will never push his way in without your permission.

☞ If you have not said you are sorry to God for your sins and have not asked Jesus to come in and live in your heart, do it! Now go get baptized like Jesus said and do his three specific jobs we read about in Biz 1, verse 2 of Acts.



## Acts 1:6

Read verse aloud.

☞ By asking this question, the disciples thought that there was going to be a big ding-dong deal happen. They thought that finally Jesus was going to be KING of Jerusalem — a king wearing his crown. They were so excited! Just to think they were close friends of the future King of Israel!



## So What?

Jesus will never leave you alone. He is always ready to listen. When you pray today, remember it is like talking to a friend that knows everything about you. He loves for you to talk to Him. If a close friend told you he would do something for you, wouldn't you believe him? Believe the words of Jesus when He says that the Holy Spirit is a GIFT. Grab your gift and thank Him.



## Pray