

"The Start of the Church"
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The 1st part of the New Testament story has five parts to it:

1. The **Early** Life of Jesus.
2. The Ministry of **John** the **Baptist**.
3. The **Ministry** of Jesus.
4. The **Trial** and **Crucifixion** of Jesus.
5. The **Resurrection** and **Ascension** of Jesus. He arose 3 days after His Crucifixion and appeared to some 500 different people in Judea and in Galilee including doubting Thomas. Forty days after the Resurrection Jesus descended directly into heaven from the Mount of Olives and promised to return.

The Gospel writer responsible for recording the Ascension of Jesus Christ was **Luke**.

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Acts 1:1 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. **4** And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; **5** for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” **6** Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” **7** And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” **9** Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

Acts 1:12 NKJV Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey. **13** And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. **14** These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. **15** And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said,”

Notes:

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Post-Resurrection Appearances

Acts 1:3

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Jesus died during the Feast of _____. Passover is the observance of Israel's _____ from Egypt, particularly the passing over of the Israelite firstborn males when the firstborn of Egypt were struck down in the last of the ten plagues.

Prior to His Ascension, the Bible records ____ post-resurrection appearances.

1. He appeared to Mary Magdalene as a gardener (Mark 16:9-11; John 20:11-18).
2. He appeared to the other two women who were with Mary Magdalene—Salome and Mary the mother of James (Matthew 28:9-10).
3. He appeared to Peter (Luke 24:34).
4. He appeared to two men on the road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-32).
5. He appeared to the apostles, except for Thomas (Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-25).
6. He appeared to the apostles with Thomas (John 20:26-29).
7. He appeared to seven of His disciples on the shores of the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25).
8. He appeared to the apostles on a mountain in Galilee (Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:15-18).
9. He appeared to over 500 brethren (1 Corinthians 15:6).

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10. He appeared to His brother James (1 Corinthians 15:7).
11. He appeared to the apostles and ate a meal with them (Acts 1:3-8; Luke 24:44-49).
12. His ascension (Acts 1:9-12; Mark 16:19-20; Luke 24:50-53).
13. He appeared to Paul (1 Corinthians 15:8; Acts 9:1-6; 18:9-10; 23:11).

Final Words of Jesus	Acts 1:4-8	AD 30
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Ascension of Jesus	Acts 1:9	AD 30
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Upper Room Gathering	Acts 1:12-14	AD 30
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Selection of Matthias	Acts 1:15-26	AD 30
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NOTE: The activities of the Jerusalem church are recorded from the selection of Matthias (Acts 1:15-26) to the death of Herod (Acts 12:23)

Descent of The Holy Spirit	Acts 2:1-13	AD 30
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Peter's 1st Sermon	Acts 2:14-36	AD 30
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The individual that preached the message that launched the church was the Apostle _____.

Key Point: _____ preached the gospel message of Power because He'd received Power.

Acts 1:8 NKJV But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 2:22 NKJV Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— **23 NKJV** Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; **24 NKJV** whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it.

Acts 2:32 NKJV This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. **33 NKJV** Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.'

Acts 2:36 NKJV Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ. **37** Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" **38** Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:41 NKJV Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

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The message of the Resurrection is a message of _____.

The church that was launched in Acts chapter 2 was the church at Jerusalem.

Many of our doctrines and practices were established in the Jerusalem church of Acts 2.

Acts 2:42 NKJV And they continued steadfastly in the apostles 'doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

Response to the Sermon

Acts 2:37-41

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Acts 2:42-47

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NOTE: The Gospel would be spread and the Mission and Mandate of Jesus would be carried out through His Church. (**Matthew 28:19-20**)

Five practices of the New Testament Church:

1.

_____ identifies us with _____.

_____ is symbolic of _____.

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2.

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