

RESURRECTION TO RESPONSIBILITY

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“The purpose is to help us go from celebration to collaboration, encounter to execution, restoration to responsibility, and assignment to action”

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# Acts 1: 1-11

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The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> 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, <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be [c]witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

# Standing On Business

Taking care of Kingdom Business

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# Introduction

- I'm about the life
- **I'm not backing down**
- I'm committed
- **I'm dedicated**

# Standing on God's Business

- Job telling his wife he would not curse God
- **The three Hebrew boys refusing to bow**
- Daniel despite evil legislation praying to God
- **Jesus at 12 being about the Fathers business**

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# Four Lessons

- The Alignment
- The Agenda
- The Assignment
- The Action

# 1. The Alignment

- Command not to leave the city and centre of Jewish worship
- **Covenant to empower them to carry out the mission**
- Consistency and continuity of Jesus in communication
- **Complimentary baptism in water and with the Holy Spirit**

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“You are not saved for the sole purpose of going to heaven; you are saved to finish your assignment on earth”

Dr Myles Munroe

## 2. The Agenda

- Restore the kingdom of Israel
- **Political restoration**
- National restoration
- **Reminiscent of the Davidic kingdom**

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“Winning teams have the least amount, of distractions. They have a really tight group of people working towards the same common goal.”

Larry Dixon

## 3. The Assignment

- Promise of empowerment
- **Power of the Holy Spirit**
- Personal witnesses of Christ both legal and testimonial
- **Promoting His kingdom from local, regional and global**

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“When we have the Holy Spirit, we have all that is needed to be all that God desires us to be.”

A W Tozer

## 4. The Action

- **Watching Jesus ascend**
- Waiting to see what will happen
- **Working on what Jesus has set before them**
- Who ascended will one day return

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# Reflection

- Divine guidance - What has God been commanding you to do?
- **Distractions** - Whose agenda is keeping you distracted?
- Dunamis - How much of the Holy Spirit is at work in you?
- **Delivery** - What will you deliver for Jesus when he returns?