

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ACTS 1: ¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John *baptized* with water, but you will be *baptized* with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

THE ASCENSION OF JESUS

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**” ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

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RIVERS OF LIVING WATER

JOHN 7: ³⁷ On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, “**LET ANYONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME TO ME, ³⁸ AND LET THE ONE WHO BELIEVES IN ME DRINK.** As the scripture has said, ‘Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.’” ³⁹ Now *he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.*

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