

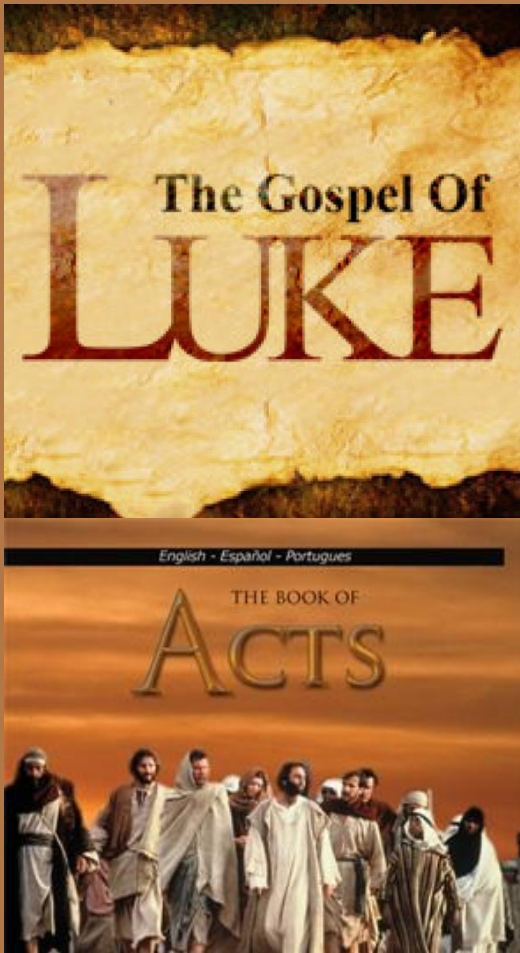
The Book of Acts: Coming with Power

Class 2

Last Week we looked at...

- How the Gospel of Luke & the Book of Acts are linked – a two part series (Luke 1 & 2)
- Why did Luke write the books: ?

to enable Theophilus to know with certainty the things he had been taught.

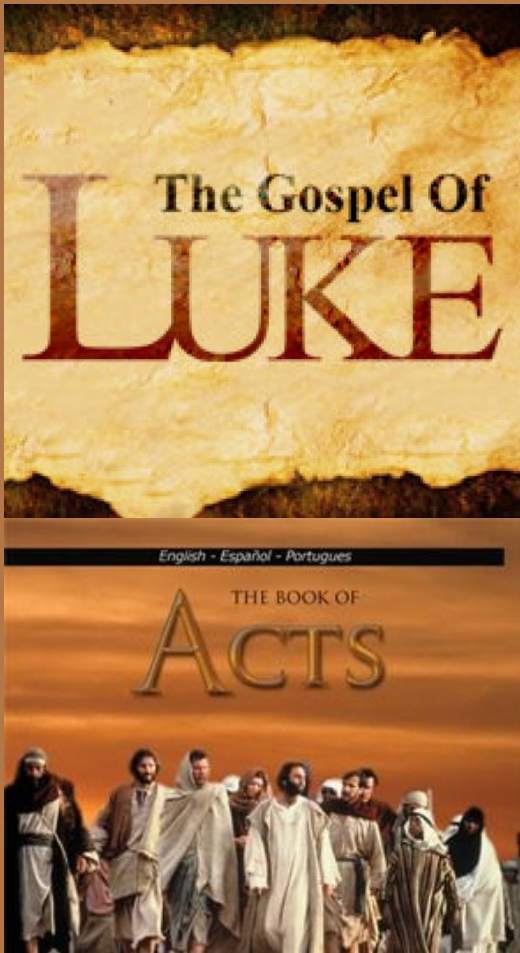


Last Week we looked at...

- How the coming of salvation, the Kingdom of God, the new covenant and the new law perfectly mirror the first Passover and Pentecost.

**so the Jews could recognize
Jesus was the servant to come.**

- How Jesus has ascended to the throne and now the message must go out for all to come and bow before him.



Jesus' Power Demonstrated in Luke

4:31-37	Communication of Authority	Authority	Authority over Evil Spirits
4:38-44			Power over Sickness
5:1-11			Power over fish in the sea
5:12-16			Power over leprosy
5:18-26			Power over paralysis & Power to forgive sins
5:27-32			Power to forgive, but requires recognition of sinfulness
5:33-39			Power to forgive, but requires overcoming tradition
6:1-11			Authority over the Sabbath: ex: eating, healing
6:12-16			Authority exercised to appoint apostles
6:17-26			Spiritual Teaching
6:27-36	Heart obedience to God		
6:37-45	Teaching Discernment		
6:46-49	Responses to teaching		
7:1-11	Auth.	Authority of Jesus understood by the Centurion	
7:11-17			Power over death

Jesus' Power Demonstrated in Luke

8:22-25	Authority	Demonstration of Authority	Power over Nature
8:26-39			Power to transform people – what a transformed person does
8:40-48			Power of individual faith
8:49-56			Power over death #2
9:1-9			Authority to delegate Power: first commission with instructions (the 12)
9:10-17			Power to provide food
9:18-22		Greatest Authority	Declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the King, by disciples; 1st warning of what must happen
9:23-27			The cost of submission to the Christ's authority
9:28-36			Authority over Moses & Elijah; Declaration of Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, by God
9:37-45			Authority greater than disciples; 2nd Warning of what was coming
9:46-50	Proper attitude toward Jesus' Authority		
9:51-56	Authority to rebuke – Authority is not for self-satisfaction		
9:57-62	The cost of submission to the Christ's authority #2		
10:1-24	Authority to delegate Power #2: second commission with instructions (the 72)		

Jesus' Power Demonstrated Luke/Acts

- His actions in Jerusalem
- His submission to the Father
- His submission to crucifixion
- His resurrection
- His ascension
- The Pouring out of the Spirit
- Proclamation of Kingdom & Salvation

It's not just
what you
know, its..

...who you
know

Why do people
drop names?



Names are important!

“Stop, in the name of the law!”

Act on behalf of...

Declares Authority

The Power of Jesus' Name

- And everyone who calls on the **name of the Lord** will be saved.' Ac 2:21 (Joel)
- Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the **name of Jesus Christ** for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ac 2:38

The Power of Jesus' Name

- By faith in the **name of Jesus**, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is **Jesus' name** and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see. Ac 3:16
- And there is salvation in no one else; for there is **no other name** under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.” Ac 4:12

Does this mean that
Jesus' name is Magic and
we just need to know the
right way to say the
magic words to control
and apply that power?

No!

Jesus is the source
of all power

Jesus is the one
who acts in power



¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, **and his incomparably great power for us who believe.**

Eph 1:18-19

That power is **the same as the mighty strength he exerted** when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, **and every name that is invoked**, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Eph 1:19-21

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Eph 1:21-23

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being**, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Eph 3:14-16

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **may have power**, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Eph 3:17-19

Now to him who is able to do **immeasurably more** than all we ask or imagine, **according to his power that is at work within us**, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Eph 3:20-21

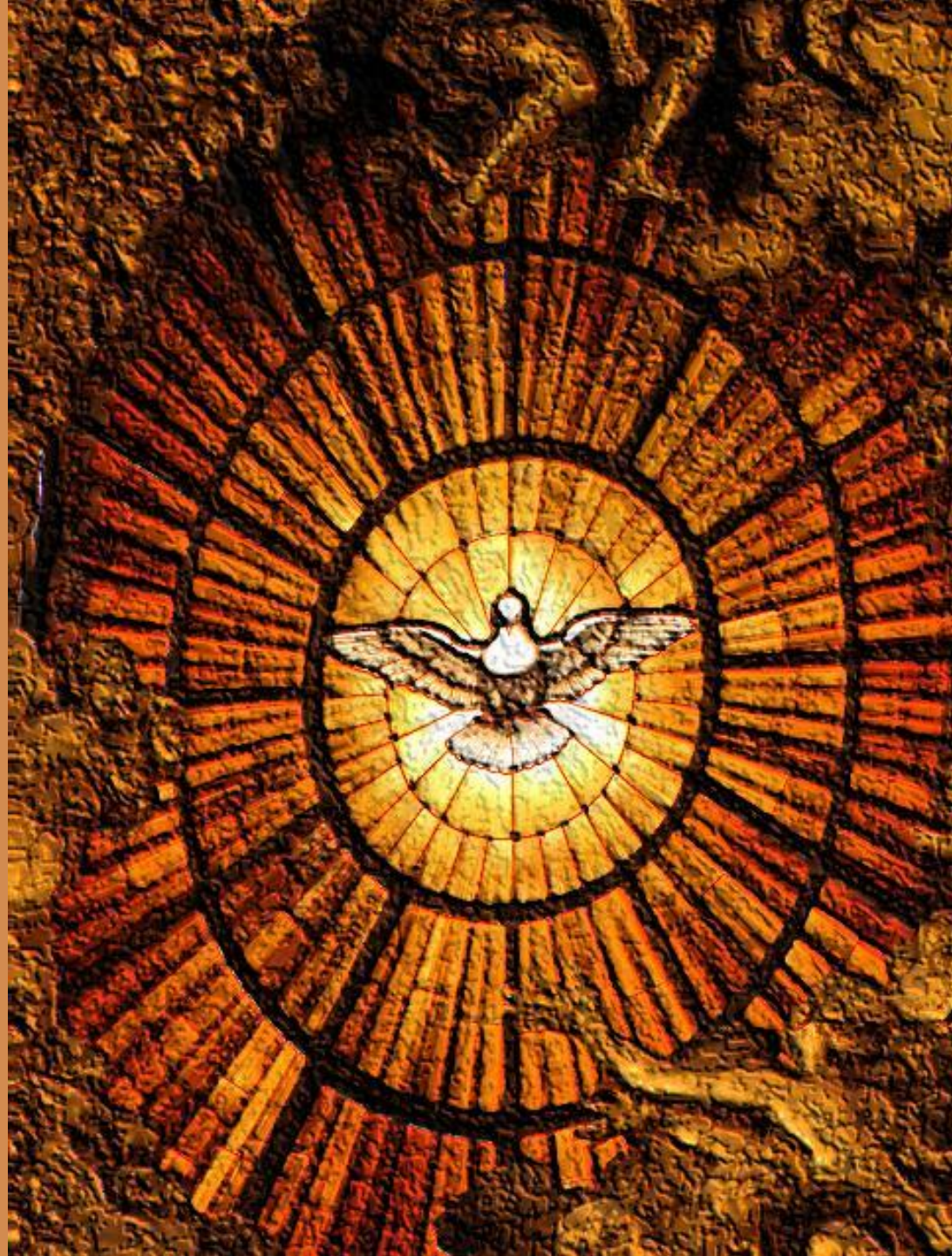
Quiz



Can I just google the answers ?

- 1) To whom do you pledge allegiance?
- 2) How can knowing the power of Jesus' name affect your prayers?
- 3) We know the church is the body of Christ and the bride of Christ: knowing this, how should it affect how we each live?

Who is the
Holy Spirit?



Spirit of your Father	Mt 10:20
Spirit of God	Mt 12:28 Rm 8:9, 14; 15:19 1 Cor 2:11, 14; 7:40; 12:3 1 Jn 4:2
Spirit of our God	1 Cor 6:11
Spirit of the Living God	2 Cor 3:3
Spirit of the Lord	Lk 4:18 Ac 5:9; 8:39; 2 Cor 3:17
Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead	Rm 8:11
The Eternal Spirit	Heb 9:14
The Advocate	Jn 14:26; 15:26
Spirit of Jesus	Ac 16:7 Php 1:19
Spirit of His Son	Gal 4:6
Spirit of Christ	Rm 8:10 1 Pt 1:11
Christ in You	Rm 8:10
Spirit of Holiness	Rm 1:4
Spirit of Truth	Jn 14:17; 16:13 1 Jn 4:6
The Spirit of Grace	Heb 10:29
The Spirit of Glory and of God	1 Pt 4:4
The Spirit of Prophecy	Rv 19:10

Rom 8:9-11

See also Acts 16:6-7

However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the **Spirit of God** dwells in you.

But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him.

If **Christ is in you**, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

But if the **Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through **His Spirit who dwells in you**.

Jesus and the Father

Jn 10:30 **The Father and I, we are one.**

Jn 10:36-38 do you say, 'You are blaspheming' to the One the Father set apart and sent into the world, because I said: I am the Son of God? If I am not doing My Father's works, don't believe Me. But if I am doing them and you don't believe Me, believe the works. **This way you will know and understand that the Father is in Me and I in the Father."**

Jesus and the Father

Jn 14:9-11 The one who has seen Me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? **Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?** The words I speak to you I do not speak on My own. **The Father who lives in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me.** Otherwise, believe because of the works themselves.

Jesus and the Father

Jn 17:20-21 It is not only for these that I am interceding, but for those who will come to believe in me through their word, **that they may be one, just as you, Father, are in Me and I am in You, that they also may be in Us**, so that the world may believe You have sent Me.

Power to

CHANGE

Ezekiel 11:19 I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.



Power to

CHANGE

Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.



Power to Change

Is 59:1-2 Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.

WHAT DOES
change
MEAN TO YOU
— ? —

Power to Change

Is 59:20-21 “The Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins,” declares the LORD. “As for me, this is my covenant with them,” says the LORD. “My Spirit, who is on you, will not depart from you, and my words that I have put in your mouth will always be on your lips, on the lips of your children and on the lips of their descendants—from this time on and forever,” says the LORD.

Power to Change

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel 37:14 I will put my Spirit in you **and you will live**, and I will settle you in your own land. ***Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.***”

Ezekiel 39:29

I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the people of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.”

The Promise from the Prophets Restated:

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What is your confidence level that you have the Spirit of Christ living in you? Why?

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The Promise from the Prophets Restated:

Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. 1 Pet 1:10-11

The Promise from the Prophets Restated:

It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. 1 Pt 1:12

The Promise from the Prophets Restated:

In these two classes you have seen how faithful God is to his promises –
God wants you to be confident
Luke wants you to be certain

Next Week: New Wine

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