

INTRODUCTION

- * This is our final look at Luke's account of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He wrote this account that those believing in Jesus might know assuredly the veracity of the testimony which they had heard regarding the birth, life, ministry, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus the Christ (the Messiah).
- * As we close, we see once again the importance of God being the One who ultimately instructs us. It God who opens up our eyes that we may behold wondrous things from His Word.
- * Last week we saw the importance of our testimony. Today we see that our witness and testimony of the Gospel message was part of God's redemption plan from the beginning. God desires for all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth, and He has chosen to use those who have been transformed by that message to be His heralds and ambassadors!
- * As we go forth, we must desire to continually be able to answer the critics and provide a defense to those who question us. This means growing in our understanding of the Scriptures. Again, that is a work of God and one of the primary reasons that the Holy Spirit has been sent to seal those who believe - to lead us into all truth.
- * Finally, Jesus' departure provides us with a glimpse of what is to come next on the biblical prophetic calendar - His return in the clouds!

INSTRUCTION**I. HIS A _____ TO THE DISCIPLES (v. 36-43)****A. The Timing:****B. The Greeting:****C. The Challenge:****II. HIS I _____ TO THE DISCIPLES (v. 44-47)****A. He Opened T _____ M _____ That They Could Understand! (v. 45; cf. Psalm 119:18; Isaiah 29:10-19; Eph 4:20-21)****B. He Opened T _____ S _____ That They Could Understand! (v. 44-47)**

1. IN THE LAW (cf. Genesis 3:15; 12:2-3; 14:18; 18; 28:13-14; 49:10; Numbers 21:6-9)

2. IN THE PROPHETS

* cf. Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1-0; 40:1-11; 42:1-4; 48:12-16; 49:1-8; 50:2-6; 52:13-15; 53:1-12;

* cf. Jeremiah 23:5; Ezekiel 34:23; Daniel 9:24-27; Micah 5:1-4; Zechariah 9:9; 12:10; Hosea 6:1-3; Jonah 1:17

3. IN THE PSALMS (cf. Psalm 2:1-12; 16:10; 22; 40:6-8; 110:1-7 ... Proverbs 16:6; Psalm 65:3)

III. HIS C _____ OF THE DISCIPLES (v. 46-49)**A. The P _____ of God**

1. IT WAS WRITTEN (v. 46-47)

2. YOU ARE WITNESSES (v. 48)

B. The P _____ of God (cf. Acts 1:8)

1. PROMISED BY GOD

2. IMPARTED BY GOD (cf. Acts 2)

IV. HIS D _____ FROM THE DISCIPLES (v. 50-53)**A. His A _____ (v. 50-51; cf. Acts 1:9-12)**

1. THE LOCATION (cf. Acts 1:12)

2. THE OCCASION (cf. Numbers 6:24-27)

3. THE TRANSPOSITION (cf. John 1:14; Philippians 2:5-8; 2 Kings 2:11)

B. Their A _____ (v. 52-53)**INTROSPECTION**

- * What are you doing to be prepared and instructed by the Holy Spirit to give a defense for your faith?
- * Do you need to jettison something from your schedule or remove an idol from your life in order to make room for the Lord?
- * It is God's plan for you to be a witness. How faithful are you to be walking in His will?
- * Is there a need to change the way you think and therefore the way you act?

INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion

- * What can we - individually and as a church - do to help us be better prepared to talk to others regarding the truth of God's Word?
- * Do you believe that Jesus still "opens" the eyes of individuals to understand His Word? Why, or why not?
- * How does God "open" the spiritual eyes of individuals? Do the individuals have a responsibility in this exercise?