



Acts: Turning the world upside down.

40 Days With Jesus

Acts 1:1-14

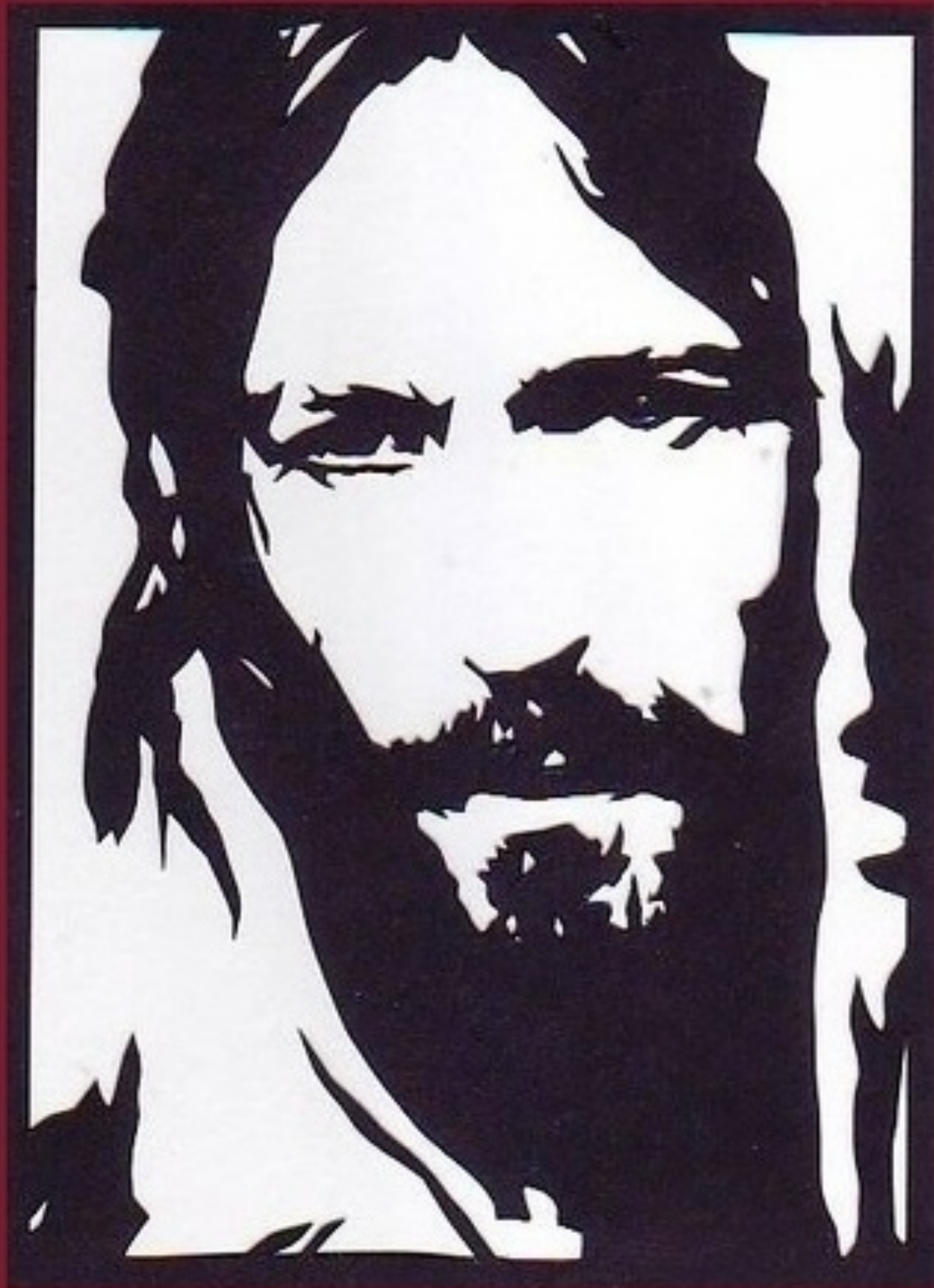
1 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, 2 until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed 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 and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” 9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, 11 and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

- Acts 1:1-14





Acts 1:1-11

Main Idea: The resurrected Jesus teaches the apostles about the king, the power, and the nature of the kingdom of God.

- **vss 1-3:** The King of the Kingdom
- **vss 4-5:** The Power of the Kingdom
- **vss 6-11:** The Nature of the Kingdom

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- Acts 1:1-3

7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

- John 16:7-8

“ . . . after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.”

- Acts 1:2

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Commands:

“... that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

- Luke 24:47-48

Proofs of the Resurrection:

39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

- Luke 24:39-40

Teaching on the Kingdom:

44 Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”
45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures,
46 and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, 47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things.

- Luke 24:44-48

39 You search the Scriptures (speaking of the OT) because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, 40 yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

- John 5:39-40

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- Luke 24:45-47

The King of the Kingdom:

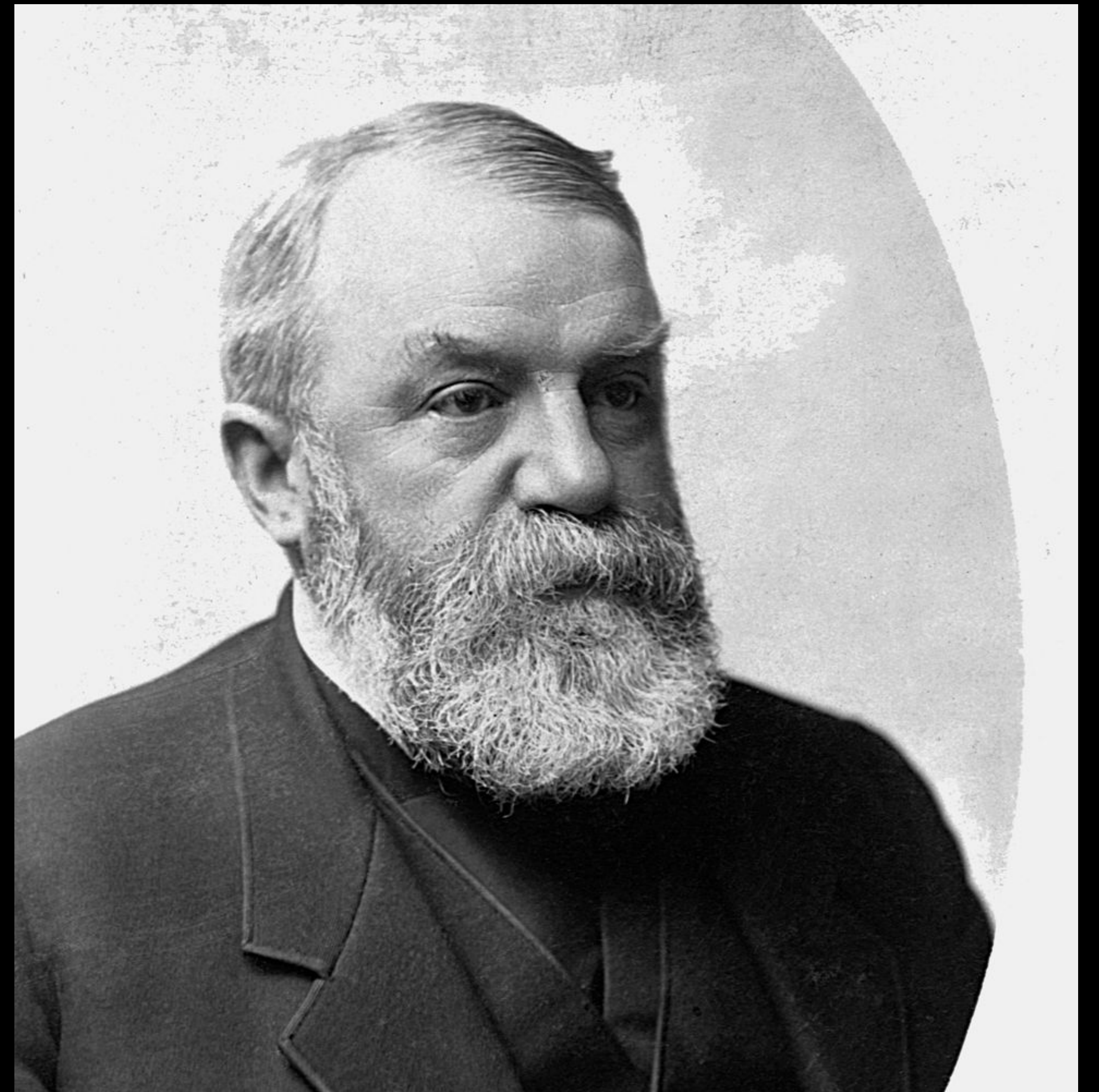
- Jesus is the Christ, he is the long awaited king and messiah. . . and his kingdom has come.
- He rules and reigns today through the Holy Spirit.
- His work is not finished yet. . . He continues his ministry through the church by the power of the hOly Spirit.

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- Acts 1:4-5

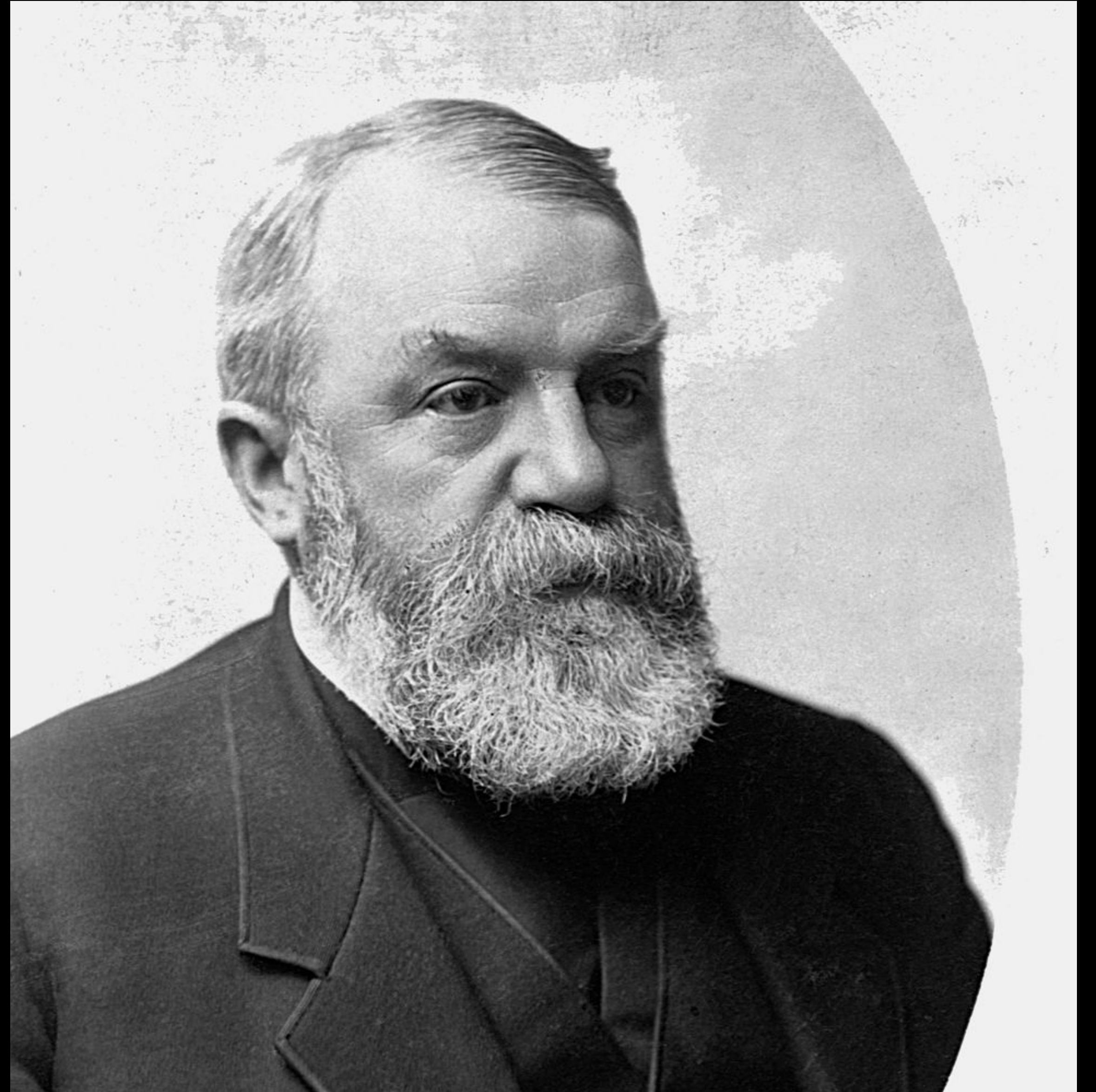
49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.
But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”
- Luke 24:49

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon
you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea
and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”- Acts 1:8



"The sermons were not different; I did not present any new truths, and yet hundreds were converted. I would not now be placed back where I was before that blessed experience if you should give me all the world—it would be as the small dust of the balance."

- Dwight L. Moody



“I believe in the Holy Spirit. . .
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- Prayer Every Time He
Preached



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— Acts 1:6-8

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- Acts 1:7

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33 So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” . . . 36 Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

- John 16:33, 36

"For this world is not our permanent home; we are looking forward to a home yet to come".

- Hebrews 13:14

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– Acts 1:8

Bringing it all together: Acts 1:1-11

vss.1-3: Jesus' earthly ministry continues today through the Holy Spirit with the same effectiveness of 2000 years ago.

vss 4-5: The power of our ministry is divinely fuelled through the Holy Spirit. . . as we trust in the Spirit to work mightily, we will experience divine power in our life and circumstances.

vss 6-11: The kingdom is imminent, spiritual and global in nature, we guard against immediate, socio-political and nationalistic hopes.

“Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?”

– Acts 1:6

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- Acts 1:9-11