

Acts 1

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I. Introduction.

- A. Luke wrote his Gospel and Acts to a man to invest in him spiritually.
- B. Jesus Christ was a doer-teacher - we must be involved with people.
- C. Luke was a physician and a careful historian claiming the use of the strongest proofs. (Colossians 4:14, Luke 2:1, 3:1)
- D. Acts 1:8 is an outline of the book of Acts: Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Acts 2, 8, 10)

II. Jesus' first and last recorded words were being about the Father's business - being a witness. So Paul too was a witness and servant to Jesus' gospel. (Romans 1:1)

- A. The only way to serve God is to serve people.
- B. The message of the Apostles was that Jesus was alive.
- C. Jesus Christ was a faithful witness that we are to follow even in all of His glory. Of all the things Jesus could have shared, He chose to share the gospel. (Revelation 1:5-6, Mark 1:14-15)
- D. There are many good things that a Christian can get involved in, but there is one thing that the Christian must be involved in - sharing the gospel. (1 Thessalonians 2:4)
 - 1. The gospel is God's only means of communicating His love, mercy, salvation and grace to His people.
 - 2. God has entrusted us with the gospel - His only means of access to the hearts of men.

III. The disciples were holding prayer, Bible study and personnel meetings, but the Devil lashed out the most when they hit the streets with the gospel because they had declared war on hell.

Application questions

1. How was Jesus an example of personal evangelism?

2. Why is the task of sharing the gospel entrusted to us so important? Explain.

3. What will you do differently with your witness in light of the sermon - how will you make war against the gates of hell?
