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- In verse 1, Luke begins by referring his reader to his earlier work, the Gospel according to Luke.
 - Would Luke teach something in the Book of Acts that was contrary to what he recorded in his prior work?
 - If so, how would that affect your belief in the continuity and authority of the Bible?
- In that same verse, Luke refers to “all that Yeshua began both to do and to teach”.
 - What did Yeshua DO? Read Matthew 5:17-19 and answer the following questions:
 - Did Yeshua come to “do away with the Torah”?
 - Did He come to bring it to its fullest?

- Did Yeshua envision a time when the Torah would “pass away”?
- In the words of Yeshua, what differentiates those who are called “great in the Kingdom of Heaven” from those who are called “least in the Kingdom of Heaven”?
- According to Yeshua, does it matter what we “DO” and what we “TEACH”?
- What did Yeshua TEACH? Read Matthew 28:19,20.
 - If Yeshua taught and lived the Torah, and it was not to “pass away”, then what did He command His disciples to teach?
 - Is it possible that Yeshua reversed his earlier affirmation of the perpetuity of the Torah with some “new and different teaching” for the disciples to carry forward? How would that square with Luke’s statement that he wrote about everything that Yeshua began both to do and to teach until the day He gave his instructions to the disciples as listed in Matthew 28:19,20?
 - Is there anything in the text that suggests a different

teaching for Jews and gentiles?

- Luke records that Yeshua also “showed himself alive after he suffered, by many proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking about God’s Kingdom.”
 - Would Yeshua’s teaching regarding God’s Kingdom be any different after His resurrection?
- Yeshua commanded the disciples, “Don’t depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me.”
 - Did Yeshua’s words to the disciples still retain the same level of authority after His resurrection? Perhaps more?
 - How important do you think it is to actually follow the instructions of Yeshua for our lives?
 - Do we get to “pick and choose” which “commands” are for us?
- Yeshua said, “For Yochanan indeed immersed in water, but you will be immersed in the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” He also said, “But you will receive

power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth.”

- How does this Divine empowerment relate to their mission to make disciples of all nations?
- How effective do you think the disciples would have been in their witness if they had proceeded without this Divine empowering by the Holy Spirit?
- Have you seen examples of people or ministries who seem to be functioning on human strength without a true spiritual anointing of the Holy Spirit?
- When the disciples asked Yeshua an “end times” question about the timing of the restoration of the kingdom of Israel in verse 6, how did He respond in verse 7?
 - What does that mean for us?
- How does the text in verse 9 describe Yeshua’s ascension?
 - The disciples were questioned by angelic beings asking them why they stood looking into the sky. Do you see any parallel to believers today who are staring

into the sky preoccupied with their theory of the pre-tribulational “rapture”?

- According to verse 11, will Yeshua’s return be “in secret” as some cultic groups have claimed, or will it be visible to all like His departure was?
- What is a Sabbath’s day’s journey and why would that be important?
 - If the Sabbath observance was “done away with”, as is frequently taught today, what does it mean that the disciples still observed it?
- The Apostles, or Emissaries, went into the upper room where they were staying in Jerusalem along with the women and Miriam, the mother of Yeshua, and with His brothers.
 - How many people do you think were staying there?
 - Verse 14 describes all the believers were in “one accord” referring to single-mindedness. How difficult would that have been to maintain in cramped living quarters? How important do you think being in “one accord” is in any community of believers for effective prayer and supplication?

- In verse 15 the physical location is no longer the small “upper room” as now we have the figure of about 120 being present.
- Peter stood up and recounted the prayers of King David against his enemies in Psalm 69:25 and Psalm 109:8. Peter related the same to Judas. Acts 1:17 says, referring to Judas, “For he was counted with us, and received his portion in this ministry.” Given that Judas was never “saved”, as Evangelicalism uses the term, does this teach that it is possible that unbelievers, like Judas, can be “counted with us” and “receive a portion” of a ministry?
- According to verses 21-22, what were the qualifications for the “replacement” for Judas?
 - Why might these personal qualifications be important to the credibility of their corporate witness?
- According to verses 23-26, what do you make of their decision-making process in the selection of the replacement?
 - They apparently chose two candidates who met the above criteria and then sought God’s guidance. Do

you believe that they earnestly sought the will of God in their prayer for direction?

- Does their subsequent acceptance of the outcome show their reliance on God superintending their method?