



THE ACTS OF

THE APOSTLES

*The promise
of the Spirit—
The Lord's
Ascension*

1The first book I wrote, Theophilus, dealt with all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning,² until the day in which he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After he suffered, he also presented himself alive to them by many proofs,¹ appearing to them over a period of forty days, and speaking about God's Kingdom. ⁴Being assembled together² with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which you heard from me. ⁵Indeed, John baptized in water, but not many days from now, you will be baptized in the Holy Spirit."

"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, are you now restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

Jesus told them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸However, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my

witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹After saying these things, as they were watching, Jesus³ was taken up and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While they were gazing into the sky⁴ as he was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing into the sky? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into the sky will come back in the same way as you saw him going into heaven."⁵

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mountain called Olivet,⁶ which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³After entering the city, they went up into the upper room where they were staying; that is, Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James [the son] of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot, and Judas [the brother]⁷ of James.

¹⁴With one accord, all these were continuing steadfastly in prayer and supplication⁸, together with

*The disciples
in the upper
room—
Matthias
is chosen to
replace Judas*

1 The Greek word τεκμηριος may also convey the idea of "decisive, convincing proof"
2 The Greek expression may also convey the idea of "eating with" 3 Greek "he"
4 In verses 9-11, "sky" and "heaven" are equally valid translations of ouranos 5 Or "the sky" (see note d) 6 Zechariah 14:4 7 Or "son of"—as in every instance when [brother of] is between brackets. 8 CT omits "and supplication"