

Bible Study 2 – Don't just stand there – Acts 1:1-11

There're lots of things to do before going on holiday. Check travel insurance. Notify credit card companies. Pay any bills that are not scheduled for automatic payment. Scan or photograph important documents to email so they are accessible electronically. Ask someone to collect the mail. Clean out the fridge & garbage. Make a packing checklist. In our passage we see that Jesus is leaving earth. But before He leaves, He gives instructions on what to do while He is gone.

The context	Luke was a missionary companion of Paul. He was a historian who wrote the books of Luke and Acts. The book of Luke describes the works and teaching of Jesus from His birth to His ascension. The book of Acts is a sequel which covers the apostles preaching and the establishment of the church from Christ's ascension up to about AD 60. The theme of the book is given by Christ's words: "you [the apostles] will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth [the known world – the Roman Empire]" (1:8)
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PART 1 Read & write each section in your own words – Acts 1:1-11

Holy Spirit promised (v.1-5)	
Christ's witnesses (v.6-8)	
Christ's ascension (v.9)	
Second coming promised (v.10-11)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What does it teach about God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit?

2. What does it teach about people?

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what is the main point being taught in this passage?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. How can we be Christ's witnesses (v.8)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

The Apostles were Christ's witnesses to their world. Because we know the works and teaching of Jesus (from the Bible), and are indwelt by the Holy Spirit, let's be Christ's witnesses to our world.

