

GOLDEN TEXT

Acts 1: 8. Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

DAILY READINGS

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| M. —Acts. 1: 1-14. | The promise of power. |
| T. —Luke 24: 41-53 | Beginning at Jerusalem: |
| W. —Matt. 10: 1-15. | Christ gives power. |
| Th. —John 14: 1-19. | Another Comforter. |
| F. —John 14: 20-31. | A teacher. |
| S. —John 15: 17-27. | The Spirit of Truth. |
| S. —John 16: 1-14. | The guiding Spirit. |

CATECHISM

- Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?
A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

TIME AND PLACE

The spring of A.D. 30, May 18, forty days after the resurrection and ten days before Pentecost: the place, near Bethany, on the Mount of Olives,

LESSON PLAN

- I. The Risen Lord, 1-8.
Through forty days giving proof of His resurrection
- II. Promises the Holy Spirit, 4-8.
The Spirit of Power, who was soon to come.
- III. Ascends up into Heaven, 9-11.
In glory, but with the assurance of return.

LESSON HYMNS

Book of Praise 1: 98 (Ps. Sel.); 111; 437; 551; 334.

FOR FURTHER STUDY

Juniors—1 To whom is the book of the Acts addressed? By whom written? What other book by the same author?

2, 3 What commands had Christ given? (Mark 16: 15; Matt. 28: 19). How many days since Christ had risen? How many times had He appeared in that time? Name some of these appearances.

4. What command here given? Why at Jerusalem? (Isa. 2: 3; Micah 4: 2). How long were they to wait? For what? By whom promised before? (Joel 2: 28, 29; Isa. 4: 3).

5. What had John the Baptist predicted? (Luke 3: 16; John 1: 33). When did it take place?

6-8 What did the disciples ask? What was the Lord's reply? What did He mean? (Luke 24: 49.)

9-11 How did Christ leave this earth? Who beheld the scene? Who else were present? What did they say? When will Christ appear again? (Rev. 1: 7; Heb. 9: 28). How will Christ appear the second time? (Matt. 24: 30, 31).

Seniors and the Home Department—1-3 Who was the author of the Acts? With what event does the book open? To what different persons did Christ appear after His resurrection? On what occasions to the eleven disciples? To how many at one time? (1 Cor. 15: 6.) What are some of the "proofs" of Christ's resurrection?

4, 5 What was "the promise of the Father?" Compare the baptism of water and of the Holy Ghost.

6-8 What did Christ say as to the time of the coming of the kingdom? What was to be the present work of His followers? What their endowment? Of what is witnessing for Christ an evidence? (Rom. 8: 16.) How can boys and girls witness for Jesus? When?

9-11 Describe the Ascension scene. Why did it occur? (Heb. 9: 24; Eph. 4: 8-11; John 14: 2.) What did the apostles next do? (vs. 12-14). Where did they abide? With whom? How engaged? To whom is the Holy Spirit given? (Luke 11: 13.) What does He impart? (Rom. 8: 16; 15: 13; 5: 3-5.) What are the fruits of the Spirit? (Gal. 5: 22; Eph. 5: 9.)

Prove from Scripture—That we should tell others of Christ.

Practical Points—1. "The Gospel story is a book of mighty deeds as well as of wondrous speech."

2. It seems unprofitable to wait when we might be working. But when God says "wait," waiting is the best work we can do.

3. When God says "go" we cannot be too quick in setting out.

4. The "promise of the Father." Shall anyone dare distrust it? Can anyone ever measure it?

5. God does not reveal to us all His plans. He does what is better—gives us power from on high to carry them out.

6. No matter how many others need to hear about Christ, we should begin first with those closest to us; and no matter how far we have carried the message, there is always a little further that we may go.

7. We often wish we could see Jesus with our eyes. Let the words of the angels remind us that we shall indeed see Him by and by in glory, if we but wait and work here as He wills us to do.

8. We are to hear, in the next lesson, of great successes. Let us mark here how success came. (a) Through obedience to Christ's command; (b) Through prayer in Christ's name; (c) through waiting for the fulfillment of His promise: the a, b, c of religion.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. Name some proofs of Christ's resurrection.

2. Why were the apostles to tarry before witnessing?

3. What was the extent and the order of their mission work?