



Master and Messiah

Jesus as Proclaimed in *The Acts of the Apostles*

Jesus promised His first followers that even though He was going back to His Father, He would send to them His Spirit who would never leave them. Through His Spirit Jesus would be present with them until the end of the age (Matt 28:20; John 14:16). In the Book of Acts we encounter the history of the Spirit's dawn upon the Earth within the hearts of these pioneers who shared Christ wherever they tread. How did these first disciples understand Him and experience His presence? What was their revelation of Christ, undiluted by time or the opinion of man? How did they reveal Him, and how do they challenge us to experience the same devotion to Jesus within our own souls?

| Lesson | Study Passage |
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| #1 | Acts 2:22-36 |
| #2 | Acts 3:1-26 |
| #3 | Acts 4:5-13 |
| #4 | Acts 5:17-33 |
| #5 | Acts 7:51-60 |
| #6 | Acts 10:34-43 |
| #7 | Acts 13:16-41 |
| #8 | Acts 17:16-31 |
| #9 | Acts 26:1-23 |

Key Verse:

*All Israel, then, know this:
There's no longer room for doubt –
God made him Master and Messiah,
this Jesus whom you have killed on a cross.*

– Acts 2:36 (The Message)

For each lesson, review and meditate on the designated passage, allowing the Holy Spirit's guidance in answering the following questions. Record your insights.

1. In what ways is the beauty of Jesus Christ portrayed in this passage?
2. What is the listener challenged to believe about Jesus Christ without doubt?
3. How is the Holy Spirit prompting you to apply these truths in this time of turbulence?
4. How do you feel the Holy Spirit wants you to apply these truths within your community (family, congregation, business, ministry) in order to glorify Jesus Christ as you fulfill your calling?

