



## *Getting Ready and Counting Down*

Text: Acts 1:1-26

Series: The Book of Acts (#1)

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### **Some introductions.**

1. Meet the author.
2. Survey the setting.
3. Get acquainted with the importance of the book.
4. Strike up a friendship with the purpose of the book.

### **Jesus' departure in preparation for the church age.**

1. His final teaching. (3-8)
2. His final action. (9-11)

### **The Disciples' Condition At The Dawn Of The Church Age.**

1. Their progress under Jesus' ministry. (6, 12-14)
2. Their need for Jesus' further ministry. (6, 15-26)

## In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

**Monday.** Read Acts chapter one. Check your notes from Sunday and any information in a study Bible or other resources to review the basics of what the book of Acts is about. Acts contains history, but is much more than that. It touches on all aspects of gospel truth for us.

**Tuesday.** Acts 1:3 tells us Jesus taught the disciples about the kingdom of God in the forty days He spent with them after His resurrection. Read Luke's account in his gospel, 24:13-53, to see a few more details. Just as Jesus wanted to firm up their foundation of understanding and prepare them for their work, so He wants to do with us as we spend time with Him in His word.

**Wednesday.** 1:9-11 describe Jesus' ascension to heaven. Try to place yourself there, seeing Jesus taken up into the clouds and out of sight. Why do you think the angels interrupted the disciples' steadfast focus on the sky after Jesus left? What advantages did Jesus' ascension bring to them, and to us?

**Thursday.** Jesus said that His followers are to be His witnesses to people around them and around the world. What and how have you done this week as Jesus' witness? What do you think God wants you to be doing as a witness here and to people beyond?

**Friday – Saturday.** On Sunday we plan to look at chapter 2 and the birthday of the church. Read through the chapter in preparation for our time together.