

WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM

5/31/25

- Today – Opportunity to give a Bible study
 - Comment – Today is the day before the Day of Pentecost
 - Comment – So, we are going to talking about events just before Acts 2
 - Title – “Witnesses in Jerusalem”
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	·	The title of this presentation comes from Acts 1:8 Let’s build up to Acts 1:8 – starting in Acts 1:4
Acts 1:4-5		being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father – He said: “which you have heard from Me, for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now”
John 20:11		Mary stood outside the tomb weeping – as she wept, she stooped down and looked into the tomb
12		she saw 2 angels sitting where the body of Jesus had lain
13		they asked: “woman, why are you weeping?” – she answered: “because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid Him”
14		she turned and saw Jesus, but she didn’t recognize Him
15		He asked her: “Why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” – when she thought He was the gardener, she asked: “sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away”
16		Jesus said: “Mary!” – she turned and said “Teacher”
17		He said: “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them: ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God’ ”
Luke 24:44		He said to the disciples: “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms [the Writings] concerning Me”
45		He opened their understanding that they might comprehend the Scriptures
46-47		He said to them: “It was written and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day – and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem”
48		“and you are witnesses of these things”
49		“behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you – but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high”
50		He led them out (as far as Bethany), lifted up His hands and blessed them

51 Now it came to pass (while He blessed them) that He was parted from
 them and carried into heaven
 52 and they worshiped Him – and returned to Jerusalem with great joy
 53 they were continually in the temple – praising and blessing God
 Acts 1:6 when they had come together, they asked Him: “Lord, will You at this
 time restore the kingdom to Israel?”
 7 His reply: “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has
 put in His own authority”
 Deut. 18:20 the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name (which I have not
 commanded him to speak or who speaks in the name of other gods)
 that prophet shall die
 21 how do we know if the Lord has spoken those words?
 22 when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord – if the thing does not
 happen or come to pass, the Lord has not spoken it – that prophet
 has spoken presumptuously – you shall not be afraid of him
 Deut. 13:1-3 if a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and give you a sign
 or wonder that comes to pass – but says: “let us go after other gods
 and serve them – you shall not listen to the words of that prophet
 or dreaming” – for the Lord your God is testing you to know
 whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with
 all your soul”
 4 you shall.....walk after the Lord your God
 fear Him
 keep His commandments
 obey Him
 you shall serve Him
 you shall hold fast to Him
 5 that prophet or dreamer – shall be put to death
 Acts 1:8 you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you
 shall be witnesses to Me – in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria –
 to the end of the earth

- Some people are so fixated upon reaching the world.....
 - They are not being a witness to their country
 - They are not being a witness to their state, county or city
 - They are not being a witness to strangers – near & far
 - They are not being a witness to their relatives
 - They are not being a witness to their immediate family
- Remember – to start in Jerusalem
- Where is your Jerusalem?
 - Start in your hometown
 - Start in your family
- What kind of witness were you yesterday?
- What kind of witness are you going to be today?