

## Unfinished Business

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*In my first book, Theophilus, I wrote about what Jesus began to do and teach. This included everything from the beginning of his life<sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken to heaven.* **Acts 1:1-2a (GWT)**

- The book of Acts is a sequel of **the acts of Jesus**.

*I don't care about my own life. The most important thing is that I complete my mission. I want to finish the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.* **Acts 20:24 (ICB)**

*For two whole years Paul stayed there in his own rented house and welcomed all who came to see him.<sup>31</sup> He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance!* **Acts 28:30-31 (NIV)**

**What did Jesus come to do?**

Jesus came to **reach people**.

*I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.* **Luke 5:32 (NIV)**

*For the son of man came to seek and save what was lost.* **Luke 19:10 (NIV)**

*He told them, This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,<sup>47</sup> and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.<sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things.<sup>49</sup> I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.* **Luke 24:46-49 (NIV)**

*The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.* **Matthew 20:28 (NIV)**

*So I tell you, you are Peter. And I will build my church on this rock. The power of death will not be able to defeat my church.* **Matthew 16:18 (ICB)**

- 'Acts' defines what the **church is** and what the **church does**.

*Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"* **Acts 1:6 (NIV)**

*He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* **Acts 1:7-8 (NIV)**

**What can I do during this series?**

1. **Read** the book of Acts.
2. **Pray through** the book of Acts.
3. **Discuss** the book of Acts in your small groups.

*One generation will commend your works to another; they will tell of your mighty acts.* **Psalms 145:4 (NIV)**