

Acts 1: 8 – 10

You Will Receive Power When the Holy Spirit Comes on You!

In the book of Acts, Jesus had risen from the dead and reappeared to the disciples and many others on several occasions. In these verses, Jesus is leaving his disciples, being taken up from them in a cloud. This is Jesus speaking to his disciples:

“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.” After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white [angels??] stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

When Jesus left his disciples, he promised them the power of the Holy Spirit. Then he commanded them to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, in Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth! History shows that these disciples did just that! They turned the world upside down.

Question: How could a few men and women, who had fled the crucifixion of Jesus just a few hours ago, now live and die with such conviction?

Answer: They had seen the resurrected Christ, and they were empowered by the Holy Spirit!

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