

## **SERMON**

**DATE: Sunday, April 27-28, 2019**

**SERIES TITLE: THE JOURNEY TO GOLGOTHA**

**SERMON TITLE: What Happens Next?**

**SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-14**

### **Acts 1:1-14**

[1] In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach

[2] until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

[3] After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

[4] On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

[5] For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

[6] Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

[7] He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

[8] 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.”

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

[10] They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

[11] “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.”

[12] Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.

[13] When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

[14] They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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**1. We continue to seek Christ**

*Acts 1:14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

**2. We continue to wait on God**

- Proclamation not prediction is the task of the church

**3. We continue to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world**

**4. We continue to witness of what we have seen and heard**

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Relationships are everything.

At some point in life, we all come to understand that relationships--with God and with others--account for the value of life.

God made us for relationship with Him. He created us in His image. He wants us to REFLECT His image in all of our relationships.

These are basic Christian truths.

Our coming sermon series is "***REFLECT: Mirroring the Image of God in Our Relationships.***"

This series will help us explore God's design for relationships, the impact of our choosing sin over God, the transforming power of the Gospel on relationships, and the role of the church in seeing relationships restored to their original design through Jesus.

We will see that the Gospel will change everything--our relationships with God's people, our family, our neighborhood and our work relationships. As we mirror His image, everything begins to change.

Our aim is to see men, women, boys and girls surrender the old self and put on Christ that the image of God might be clearly seen in the world through our relationships with others.

We will begin with Genesis 1 and 3 to see what God planned for His people and how our sin has produced a broken world and broken relationships. Then, we will look to Paul's letter to the Colossians as he shows how we can reflect God's Image and see relationships restored.

Please join us next week and throughout May and June as we seek to restore our relationships through Christ.