

## **THE RETURN OF THE KING JESUS**

Series: The High Impact Community

Scripture: Acts 1:8

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3 During the forty days after His crucifixion, he appeared to the apostles from time to time and proved to them in many ways that He was actually alive. On these occasions He talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

4 In one of these meetings as He was eating a meal with them, He told them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you what he promised. Remember, I have told you about this before. 5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

6 When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, “Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom?”

7 “The Father sets those dates,” He replied, “and they are not for you to know. 8 But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

9 It was not long after He said this that He was taken up into the sky while they were watching, and he disappeared into a cloud. 10 As they were straining their eyes to see Him, two white-robed men suddenly stood there among them. 11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why are you standing here staring at the sky? Jesus has been taken away from you into heaven. And someday, just as you saw Him go, He will return

(Acts 1:6-8-11)

**New Series Today: The High Impact Community**

## **First Chance to See Jesus in a New Way**

The members of the council were amazed when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, for they could see that they were ordinary men who had had no special training. They also recognized them as men who had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13)

⇒ The Church of Jesus Christ – YOU -- are His visible presence on Earth until He returns again.

### **HOW TO BE A HIGH IMPACT CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S WORLD:**

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> – YOU MUST BE \_\_\_\_\_ ABOUT GOD'S KINGDOM**

“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power and will tell people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” – JESUS (Acts 1:8)

#### **How to Be Passionate for God's Kingdom:**

A) BE A \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE KINGDOM

He talked to them about the Kingdom of God. (Acts 1:3)

A1) THIS GAP IS \_\_\_\_\_

A2) THIS GAP IS \_\_\_\_\_

A3) THIS GAP IS \_\_\_\_\_

How to Be Passionate for God's Kingdom...

B) THE KINGDOM

When the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking Him, "Lord, are you going to free Israel now and restore our kingdom?" (Acts 1:6)

B1) The Kingdom of God is Spiritual in

- ◆ --"For Christ's kingdom, while not incompatible with patriotism, tolerates no narrow nationalisms. He rules over an international community in which race, nation, rank and sex are no barriers to fellowship." (Stott, p. 43)
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B2) The Kingdom of God is International in

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B3) The Kingdom of God is Gradual in its

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33)

How to Be Passionate for God's Kingdom...

C) THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

And from the time John the Baptist began preaching and baptizing until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been forcefully advancing, and violent people attack it. (Matthew 11:12)

## 2<sup>ND</sup> – LIVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT'S

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### **The Problem Most People Have**

1. O \_\_\_\_\_

2. O \_\_\_\_\_

3. O \_\_\_\_\_

### **The Power to Meet Challenges**

“But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power...” (Acts 1:8)

### HOW TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

A - \_\_\_\_\_ you have strayed from God's leadership

B - \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit's Power

C - \_\_\_\_\_ forward in Faith

Q: What EXACTLY changes, when you are filled with the Spirit, and going about your daily responsibilities?

A: The strength of YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_, and the effect of YOUR \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ by the power of the HS.

### **Power Witness for Power Impact**

THREE PARTS TO THIS POWER WITNESS:

1) THE \_\_\_\_\_ (1:8)

2) THE \_\_\_\_\_ (1:8)

3) THE \_\_\_\_\_ (1:8)

“I will be with you always, even to the end of the age.” -- Jesus (Matthew 28:20)

### **3<sup>RD</sup> – FULFILL CHRIST’S \_\_\_\_\_ ON EARTH**

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## **Great Commission**

“—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

### THREE WAYS TO BE A WITNESS:

1) \_\_\_\_\_ THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

2) \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THOSE AROUND YOU

3) \_\_\_\_\_

**CHALLENGE: Mind the Gap.**