

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

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BIG IDEA: What difference does the resurrection make? How does the resurrection of Jesus influence, inform and redirect our lives?

“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.” **Acts 1:1-8**

1. He proved he was alive—it’s true. Trust it. Trust him.

“It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.” **Acts 4:10** (2:32; 3:15; 5:30)

“They killed him by hanging him on a cross, but God raised him from the dead on the third day...” **Acts 10:39-40** (13:29-30)

2. He talked about the kingdom of God. _____

“Son, your sins are forgiven you.” **Mark 2:5**

“If I cast out demons by God’s Spirit, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” **Matthew 12:28**

“Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” **Matthew 6:10**

3. The Spirit’s coming! _____

“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.” **Acts 10:38**

“you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” (8)

4. The Spirit’s power is for _____:
Tell everyone, everywhere about him! (Mk. 16:15)

“we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.” **2 Corinthians 5:20** NLT

IN PRACTICE:

1. Ask God to help you _____ his mission thru you.

2. Ask God to _____ you with his Spirit.

3. Look for _____ to serve, touch, love and step in.