

# **BIBLE STUDY – ACTS Introduction and Chapter 1 – Leader Notes**

**1. There is comfort in that Jesus gave the disciples instructions as to what they were to do when He had gone to heaven (v. 2). In verse 3 we are told that Jesus made many appearances giving convincing proofs of His resurrection.**

2. One way that this happens is when we dine with family and friends. BUT, the most important table fellowship is when we go to the Lord's Supper.

3. Jesus was telling the disciples that they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit. This happened in our lives at our baptism. We can be comforted daily when we remember our baptism and are empowered by that reminder.

4. Jesus has come and died for the sins of the world. Those who are still looking will miss the opportunity to be saved.

5. The comfort is that all things in the Lord's hands and does not depend us. Verse 8 was fulfilled when in Acts 8:1 when persecution scattered the Christians everywhere. Our witness continues to help spread the good news of salvation. A great way and perhaps the best manner is to unconditionally love and care for others.

6. This being taken up and hidden from their sight made it clear that they must not expect him to establish a political kingdom with visible glory. It brought home to them that they must wait for the promised Spirit to empower them for their mission task.

The cloud was a symbol of God's immediate, majestic presence (e.g., Ex. 16:10). Jesus takes His throne at the Father's right hand. (TLSB)

When the angels asked "why do you stand here looking into the sky" they may have been suggesting that the disciples get going with the mission Christ had given them. The angels also gave them hope concerning Christ's return on Judgment Day.

We, too, have work to do as children of God and need to be about our Father's business. The comfort is that we don't have to do on our ability or power.

**7. They returned to Jerusalem to wait as they were told (v. 12). They went to an "upper room" where they were staying (v. 13). This may have been an upper room of a large house and may also very well be the room where they celebrated the Last Supper with Jesus. In this room they joined in prayer (v. 14).**

**8. They were probably changed by His death and resurrection.**

**9. Peter had learned from his denial of Jesus and from his reinstatement by Jesus in John 21.**

**10. Peter urged them to fulfill Scripture and replace Judas as one of the twelve (v. 16). That this was necessary in order to match the 12 patriarchs, the 12 tribes of Israel, and the 12 thrones awaiting them to judge these 12 tribes was undoubtedly also the basis for this decision.**

**11. 5. V. 20 – Scripture – V. 24 – Prayer**

**12. The candidates needed to have witnessed Jesus' resurrection and been about of the group that traveled with Him during His ministry.**

**13. Their prayed showed that the decision that God would influence the outcome.**

**14. Answers will vary**