You Will Be My Witnesses
Acts 1:1–11

Main Idea
The risen, ascended, and enthroned Christ gives His Spirit to empower His people to bear witness to Him to the ends of the earth until He returns.
Our passage from Acts 1:1-11 gives us a remarkable picture of this reality.

The Book of Acts:
Acts is one of the most compelling, exciting, and explosive books in all the New Testament.

The Author:
Luke, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, writes this book with the observational eye of a physician, the care of a meticulous historian, and the firsthand experience of a faithful companion of the Apostle Paul.

Two Volumes:
Luke writes one great account in two volumes: his Gospel and Acts.

Audience:
Luke writes both volumes to a man named Theophilus, whose name means lover of God or friend of God, so that he might have certainty concerning Jesus Christ.

1. THE CHRIST WE WITNESS: He Is Risen and Alive (Acts 1:1–3)
2. THE POWER FOR OUR WITNESS: The Holy Spirit Empowers Us (Acts 1:4–8a)
3. THE WORLD WHERE WE WITNESS (Acts 1:8b)
4. THE HOPE OF OUR WITNESS: The Ascended Christ Is Coming Again (Acts 1:9–11)
5. CONCLUSION: Until He Comes, We Are His Witnesses.

- First, live with confidence in the risen Christ.
- Second, depend upon the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Third, let the nations have a place in your heart.
- Finally, live in the hope of Christ's return.

And let us remember:
1. Behind us, an empty tomb.
2. Above us, an enthroned King.
3. Within us, the Holy Spirit.
4. Before us, the nations.
5. Ahead of us, the returning Christ.

Until He comes, we are His witnesses. AMEN and AMEN