

## Bible Study: St. John's – West Bend (May 12/13, 2021)

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### Discipleship Stories / Prayer

#### Read Luke 24:44-53

- Who is Luke? Why did he write the Gospel (see [Luke 1:1-4](#))?
- Jesus took the disciples to Bethany on the Mount of Olives. Why is this journey up the mount significant?
- What does [Luke 24:52](#) say about the disciple's post-Ascension attitudes and outlook vs. their post-crucifixion/Easter attitude?
- Which picture seems to better depict the ascension. Why? What about now? [Look at the pictures to the right](#) →

#### Read Acts 1:1-11

- Who wrote the Book of Acts? Why? What does "Acts" mean?
- Think of [Acts 1:1-11](#) as a movie or TV show "flashback", where the director shows us again what happened... but this time with additional details – including the timing of events.
- How long a period takes place between [Luke 24:49](#) and [Luke 24:50](#)? To get this answer, you need to read what Luke says in [Acts 1:3](#). Acts is Volume II of Luke's chronology.
  1. Vol. I – Luke, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
  2. Vol. II – Acts of Christ's Holy Spirit & His Church ([Jesus promised](#) – see [Luke 24:47](#))
- How are "Acts" still going on today? What is still going on?
- What did the 2 angels say? What's the tension between engaging life, but yet waiting for Jesus? How will He return (see [1 Thess. 4:16-18](#))? What does Paul tell us to do? Are you doing it?

- What does the Ascension of Jesus and the promise of His return by the angels have to do with your *Household of Faith*?
- Is Jesus absent or present now? (See [Matt. 28:19-20](#)) – How did this change your attitude in the ups & downs of life?

#### Read Ephesians 1:15-23

- What is God REALLY telling us in verses 22 and 23?

