

**Why Are
You Here?**



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why am i here?

You are here because you asked a fundamental, timeless question about human existence, purpose, or context.

Acts 1:1-2

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Luke 1:1-4

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Luke:

- **An educated, careful and methodical writer.**
- **Researched using many eyewitnesses.**
- **Written so readers can be confident that the claims about Jesus are true.**

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In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. 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.**

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Luke 24:13-49

- Talked with two on road to Emmaus.
- He was a “**prophet**”. (v19)
- You’re so slow to believe! (v25)
- I am the **Messiah**. (v26)
- Appeared to the disciples.
- Touch me for proof. (v41)
- He ate food for proof (v43)
- I have fulfilled the scriptures. (v44)

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Luke 24:45-49

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

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Acts 1:6-9

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. **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.**" After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

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What does the Holy Spirit do in us?

1. Empowers us to understand.

(Jesus opened their minds)

2. Empowers cleansing/transformation.

(Baptism of the Spirit)

3. Empowers the testimony.

(Words and actions)

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The fulfillment of Jesus' words...

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- Peter witnessed in Jerusalem at Pentecost (Acts 2)
- Peter witnessed to Cornelius in Samaria (Acts 10)
- Paul witnessed to a Roman Commander (Acts 22)

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**What are you prepared to give
your life for?**

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