

2. Joseph of Arimathea was a disciple secretly because he feared the Jews. He responded to the death of Jesus by arranging for a proper burial. How might someone today have the same timid and fearful faith as Joseph? List some things in John 16-21 that might help bolster such a faith.

3. Identify the four resurrection appearances recorded by John. What does Jesus accomplish with each one?

4. The book of Acts is written by Luke the evangelist. How does Acts 1:8 serve as an outline for the book? List at least one example of each "witnessing" taking place in Acts 1-15.

I. "In Jerusalem" 1 - 7

II. "In all Judea and Samaria" 8 - 12

III. "And to the ends of the earth" 13 - 28

Giving of the Holy Spirit	God's plan fulfilled
2:1-4	Jerusalem
8:17	Judea and Samaria
10:44-48	To the ends of the earth

5. What are some of the fruits of faith that were evident in the early church? How are these fruits of faith expressed in your life and your church?

- Acts 2:42-27
- Acts 4:20
- Acts 4:34
- Acts 7:60
- Acts 11:27-30
- Acts 12:5
- Acts 13:1-3

6. Trace through the different times Jesus' resurrection is the focus in Acts 1-15. Pick two of your favorite sections and think of someone who you know needs to hear it. Practice sharing Jesus' resurrection by using those sections of Scripture.

Ac 1:21-22
Ac 2:22-36
Ac 3:11-16
Ac 4:1-3
Ac 4:8-12
Ac 4:33
Ac 5:27-32
Ac 9:5-6
Ac 13:26-39

7. Near the end of his first journey Paul announced, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God" (Ac 14:22). How was that true for himself? for us?



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CHALLENGE

We'll begin with time for sharing questions and comments on the reading section.

1. Read John's account of Jesus' trial before Pilate. Discuss and appraise Pilate's reactions to Jesus and the crowd. How are people tempted to react the same way towards Jesus today?