



# Feed My Sheep



## "We Are Witnesses"

Lesson 28 – Acts 1-5

• Do you believe what these witnesses have told you? Why or why not?

### 1. The Lord ascends into heaven. Matthias is called to be an Apostle. (Acts 1)

• **Just before he returned to his Father in Heaven, what did he promise his Apostles they would soon receive?** (Acts 1:4–5, Luke 24:49.)

• **What did Jesus tell the Apostles they were to do after they received the gift of the Holy Ghost?** (Acts 1:8.)

• **How does this instruction compare with the responsibility given to Apostles today?** (D&C 107:23, 35.)

• How did the Apostles fulfill this responsibility in the time just after Jesus' Resurrection? (Acts 2–5.)

• **How are the Apostles fulfilling this responsibility today?**

• How did the gift of the Holy Ghost help the Apostles in their responsibility to be witnesses of Jesus Christ? (John 15:26–27; 1 Corinthians 12:3.)

• **What is the role of the Holy Ghost in our efforts to teach the gospel?** (2 Nephi 33:1; D&C 42:14.)

• As the Apostles watched Jesus ascend into heaven, what did two men in white tell them? (Acts 1:10–11.)

• How was Matthias chosen as the new Apostle? (Acts 1:21–26.)

• **How are Apostles and other Church leaders chosen today?** (Articles of Faith 1:5.)

### 2. Manifestation of the Holy Ghost at the Kirtland Temple dedication

• What occurred at the dedication of the Kirtland Temple (similar to the Pentecost Acts 2:1–4) on 27 March 1836? (Doctrine and Covenants 109:36–37).

### 3. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostles are filled with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2)

• **What significant event occurred on the day of Pentecost, one week after the Savior's Ascension?** (Acts 2:1–4. John 14:26, 15:26, and 16:7–14 and in Acts

1:5.)

• **What did the Apostles do when they received the Holy Ghost?** (Acts 2:4.)

• How did the people react when they heard the Apostles speaking in various languages? (Acts 2:5–13.)

• **How is the preaching of the gospel today similar to the preaching on the day of Pentecost?** (D&C 90:11; 100:5–8.)

• How did Peter respond to those who mocked the Apostles for speaking in tongues? (Acts 2:14–24, 36.)

• What impresses you about Peter's response?

• **Why is it important to have a testimony of Jesus Christ and his divine mission?**

• **Why is it important for us to share our testimonies with others?**

• **How can the Holy Ghost help us share our testimonies?**

• How did Peter's testimony affect those who heard it? (Acts 2:37.)

• What did Peter teach the people who believed his testimony? (Acts 2:38.)

• How did 3000 people demonstrate that they had been converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ? (Acts 2:41–47)

### 4. Peter and John heal a lame man by the power of Jesus Christ. (Acts 3–4)

• Even though Peter and John had no money to give to the lame man at the gate of the temple, what did they have to offer him?

• By what power was the man made whole? (Acts 3:6, 12–13, 16; 4:10.)

• **How have you felt the healing power of Jesus Christ in your life?**

• **Peter used this miracle as an opportunity to testify of Jesus Christ** (Acts 3:12–26; 4:5–12).

• **What opportunities do we have to testify of Christ?**

• **How have you been blessed as you have been a witness (or have heard others be witnesses) of Jesus Christ?**

• How did the priests and Sadducees respond to Peter's sermon? (Acts 4:1–3.)

• How did the multitude respond to the sermon? (Acts 4:4.)

• Why do you think these two groups responded so differently to the same sermon?

• What does our response to the words of Church leaders reveal about the condition of our hearts?

• Since they had no reason to imprison Peter and John, what did they do instead? (Acts 4:15–18.)

• How did Peter and John respond to the priests' and Sadducees' demand that they stop teaching the gospel? (Acts 4:19–20.)

• **What are some circumstances in your life that might require similar courage in being a witness for Jesus Christ?**

• What did they ask for in the prayer? (Acts 4:23–30.)

• What happened as a result of this prayer and the Apostles' subsequent actions? (Acts 4:31–35; 5:12–16.)

### 5. "The times of restitution of all things" (Acts 3:20-21)

• **What did Peter foresee when he prophesied of a "restitution of all things"?**

### 6. "They had all things in common" (Acts 4:32-5:11)

• How did Barnabas respond to this system of consecrating possessions? (Acts 4:36–37.)

• How did Ananias and Sapphira violate this system? (Acts 5:1–2.)

• What did Peter tell Ananias and Sapphira about their actions? (Acts 5:3–4, 8–9.)

• **How can we ensure that we are honest with God?**

• **Although the law of consecration is not operative, what are we asked to consecrate to God or share with others?** (Omni 1:26; Mosiah 4:16; D&C 4:2; 119:4)

• **How might we sometimes "keep back part"?**

• **How can we overcome the tendency to "keep back part"?**

• **What blessings can come from giving our all to the Lord?**

### 7. The Apostles continue to preach and heal with great power. (Acts 5:12–42)

• As the Apostles continued preaching and working miracles, What happened to them? (Acts 5:17–18.)

• How were they released from prison? (Acts 5:19–20.)

• What did they do after they were released? (Acts 5:21, 25.)

• **Why did the Apostles continue to preach the gospel even after being imprisoned?** (Acts 5:29–32.)

• **What counsel did Gamaliel give to the Jewish leaders who wanted to kill the Apostles?** (Acts 5:33–39.)

• **What experiences have shown you the truth of Gamaliel's words?**

• **What change did the gift of the Holy Ghost bring about in the Apostles?** (Compare Matthew 26:47–56, 69–75 with Acts 4:5–21; 5:17–18, 26–42.)

• **How can the Apostles' examples inspire us to be witnesses of the truth?**