



## 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)

#### • **What can we learn from their example?**

#### 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?**