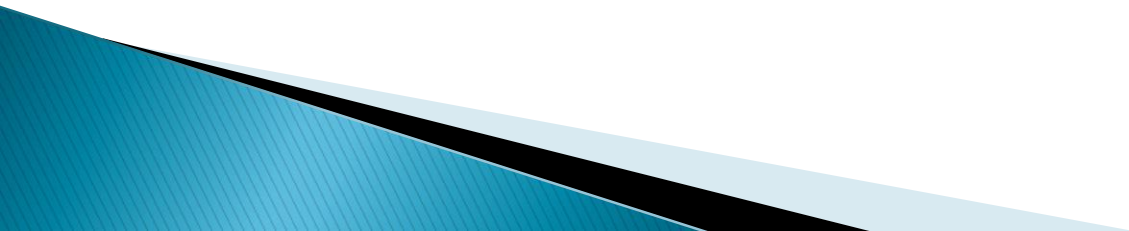
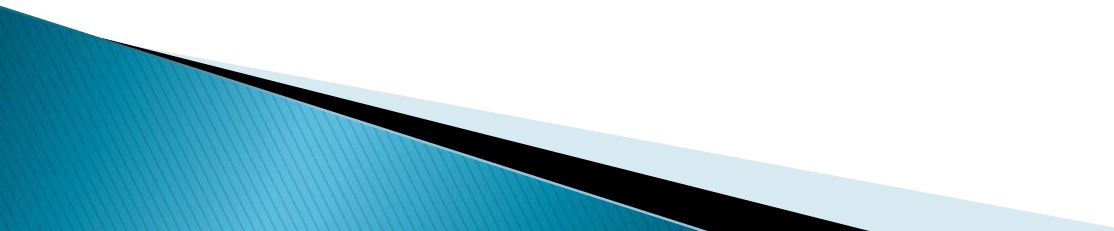


# **Come Expecting???**

## **Acts 1:1-4**



- ▶ When you came to Jesus what were you expecting?
  - ▶ What are you expecting from Jesus now?
  - ▶ What did we come expecting today?
  - ▶ What are you expecting for the future?
  
  - ▶ **The degree of disappointment is greater or equal to the degree of expectation!**
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- ▶ **“You can’t have thunder without lightning!”**
- ▶ No, it is not **possible to have thunder without lightning.**
- ▶ **Thunder** starts as a shockwave from the explosively expanding **lightning** channel when a large current causes rapid heating (**Birth – Resurrection**).
- ▶ However, it is **possible** that you might see **lightning** and not hear the **thunder(Pentecost)** because it was too far away. ...

▶ **Thunder is caused by lightning.**

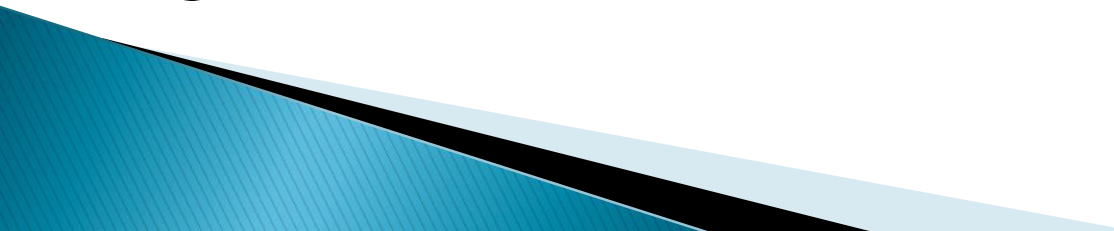
- What took place during the 50-day interval between the Passover events of the crucifixion, resurrection, and the empowering of Pentecost as is critical for us as it was for the disciples and followers of Jesus.
- What he said and did during that crucial period solidified **what had been, what was, and declaring what was to come.**
- ▶ The challenge for the disciples! The challenge for us!
  - Believe
  - Worship
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▶ **Matthew 28:16-20** Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, **they worshiped him—but some of them doubted!**

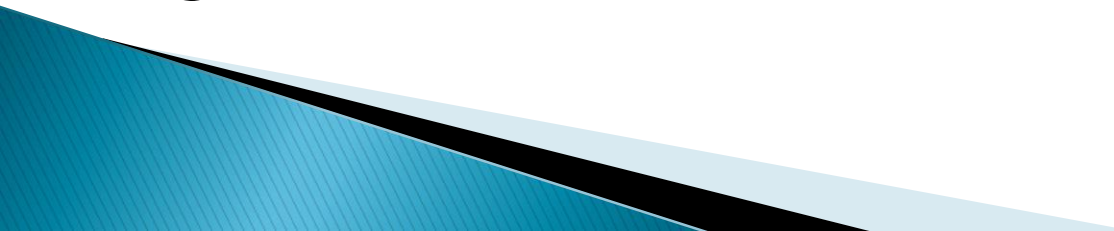
▶ 18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

- ▶ Mark 16:9–20
  - ▶ Luke 24:35–53
  - ▶ John 20:19–23
  - ▶ John 20:26–29
  - ▶ John 21:1–24
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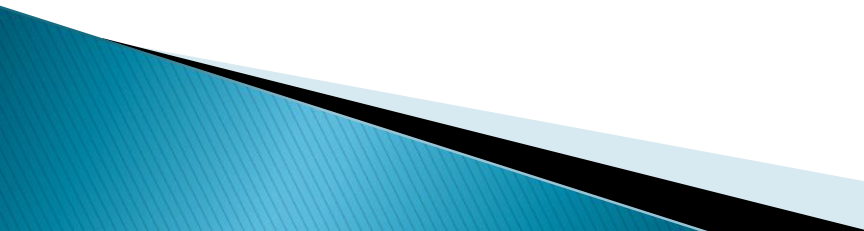
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▶ **John 20:19-23** That Sunday evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Suddenly, Jesus was standing there among them! "Peace be with you," he said. 20 As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! 21 Again he said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you." 22 Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

- ▶ Mark 16:9–20
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- ▶ John 21:3 Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing."  
"We'll come, too," they all said. So they went out in the boat, but they caught nothing all night.
    - When you came to Jesus what were you expecting?
    - What are you expecting from Jesus now?
    - What did we come expecting today?
    - What are you expecting for the future?
  
  - ▶ Three Times!!! Do you love Me? vs. 15–17
  
  - ▶ Your Life will be very different than what you might have anticipated! vs. 18–19
  
  - ▶ Follow me! vs. 19
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- Matthew 4:18-20 One day as Jesus was walking along the shore of the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers—Simon, also called Peter, and Andrew—throwing a net into the water, for they fished for a living. 19 Jesus called out to them, "**Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!**" 20 And they left their nets at once and followed him.
  
  - What about Him? vs. 20
  - What's that to you? vs. 21
  - As for you, follow me!
  
  - ▶ Back to Acts 1:1 **In my first book I told you**, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach,
    - Luke 1:1–4 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. 2 They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. 3 Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught. NLT
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- ▶ The Gospel of Luke is the impelling account of the incarnate life of Christ!
  - ▶ Here in Acts, “about everything Jesus began to do and teach,” this puts the 3 years of Jesus life and ministry into the perspective of a work that was begun **but still has more to come!**
  - ▶ What He began, He continues! This is meant to be both good and reassuring news to Theophilus and to us!
  - ▶ Book of Luke, Immanuel, God with us, Here (Acts) the assurance of God still with us, moving forward to God within us!!!!
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