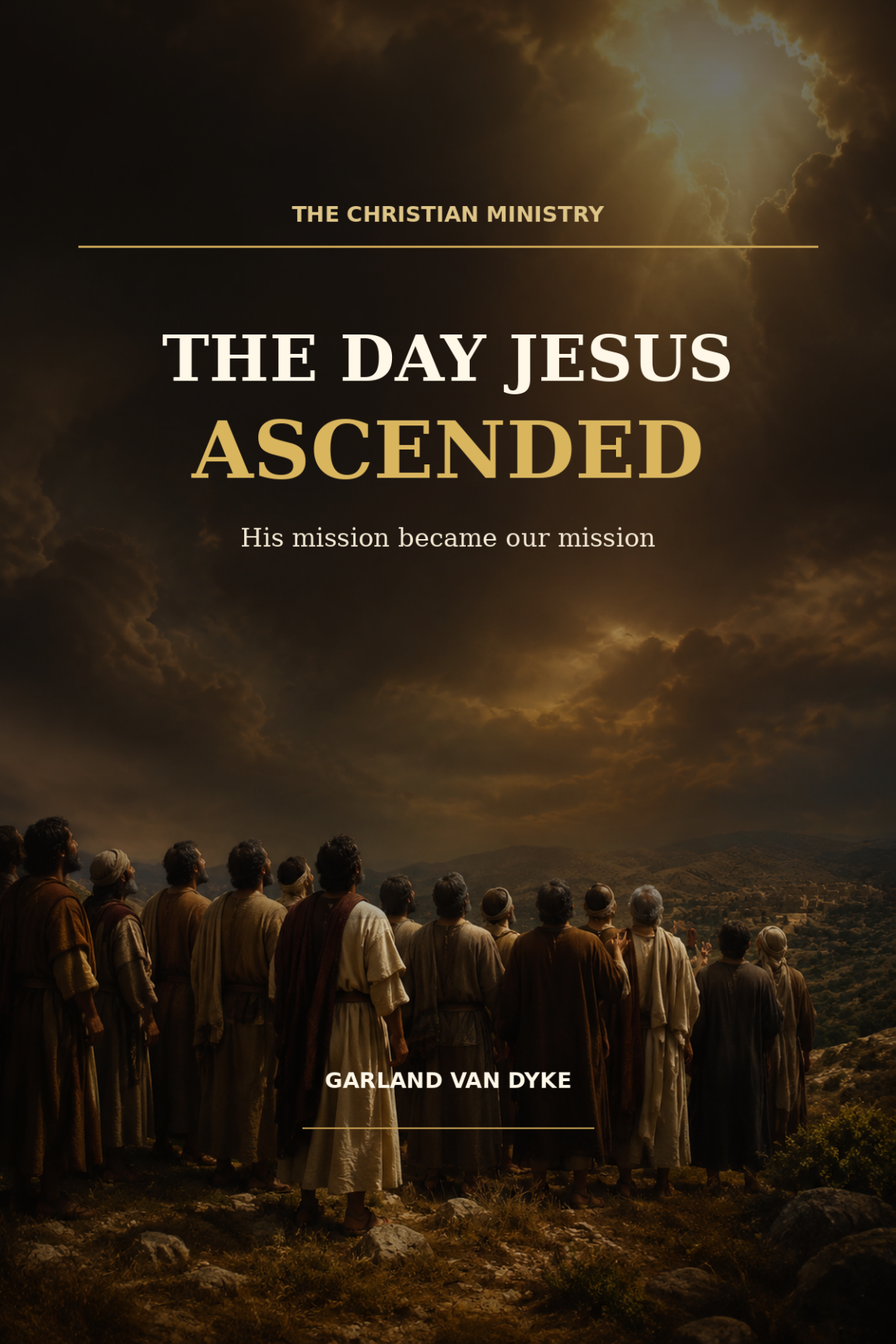




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SECTION 1

The Forty Days Before

Jesus prepared His apostles to proclaim repentance and forgiveness in His name.

After His resurrection, the Lord spent forty days teaching the apostles how He fulfilled prophecy in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms (Acts 1:3; Luke 24:44-49). He also spoke to them about His kingdom.

Jesus told them that it was written that He would suffer and rise again on the third day. He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures (Luke 24:45).

Our Lord explained that repentance and forgiveness of sins were to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. He reminded the apostles that they were His witnesses.

SECTION 2

The Promise and the Ascension

The apostles received a mission and the promise of power from the Holy Spirit.

During His teaching, Jesus told the apostles they would be baptized with the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5).

Acts 1:8 - “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Jesus told them they would testify about Him, beginning in Jerusalem and extending to the remotest part of the earth.

Afterward, Jesus ascended. He was lifted up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight (Acts 1:9). The apostles’ mission was to testify about Jesus and proclaim the need for repentance and forgiveness of sins (Mark 16:15-16).

SECTION 3

The Mission Begins

The apostles began their work in Jerusalem, just as Jesus commanded.

The apostles remained in Jerusalem and waited. When the day of Pentecost came, they were together in one place. A noise like a violent rushing wind came from heaven and filled the house. Tongues as of fire rested on them, and they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1-4).

The Holy Spirit enabled them to speak languages they had not learned. Jewish visitors in Jerusalem for Pentecost heard the apostles' testimony in their own languages (Acts 2:5-12).

Peter and the other apostles testified about Jesus and explained the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy. Peter's sermon taught that Jesus was descended from David, that the apostles witnessed His resurrection, and that God made Him both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:22-36).

The listeners believed the message and were pierced to the heart. Peter told them to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:37-38). Those who received the message were baptized, and about three thousand souls were added to the church that day (Acts 2:41).

The new disciples devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42).

SECTION 4

The Mission Fulfilled

Jesus was proclaimed from Jerusalem throughout the known world.

The apostles preached Jesus, His resurrection, and the need for repentance and baptism. A person cannot be baptized until he believes, repents, and confesses faith in Jesus. Baptism is immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins.

The pattern of conversion in Acts includes:

- Immersion in water (Acts 8:35-39; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12)
- A penitent believer (Acts 2:38; 8:36-38; Mark 16:16)
- A public confession of faith in Jesus (Acts 8:37; Matthew 10:32-33)
- Forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
- The name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)

The conversion accounts in Acts consistently show people hearing the gospel, believing in Jesus, repenting, confessing faith, being baptized, receiving salvation, and beginning a faithful life. Key examples appear in Acts 2, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16, 18, 19, and 22.

The Bible has not changed. We must follow Jesus' commands for salvation.

Paul wrote that the gospel had come to the Colossians and was bearing fruit and increasing throughout the world (Colossians 1:5-6). Faithful gospel preachers continue proclaiming the same message: Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world, raised from the dead, ascended to God's right hand, and reigns over His kingdom, the church.

There will be a judgment. We are wise to be saved, live righteously, and enter heaven with eternal life.

SECTION 5

Do You Want to Go to Heaven?

Jesus invites us to believe, obey, and faithfully follow Him.

- Do you believe the Bible is God's Word? (2 Timothy 3:16)
- Do you believe Jesus came to earth to save sinners? (Luke 19:10)
- Are you willing to submit to Jesus for salvation? (Matthew 7:21)

Submit to Him:

- Believe - John 8:24
- Repent - Luke 13:3
- Confess - Matthew 10:32
- Be baptized - Mark 16:16

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