

“OPERATION REVOLUTION”

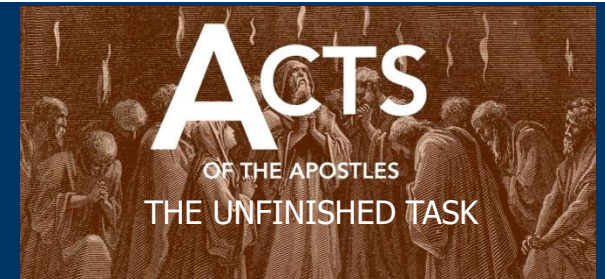
(Acts 1:1 – 14)

Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 2

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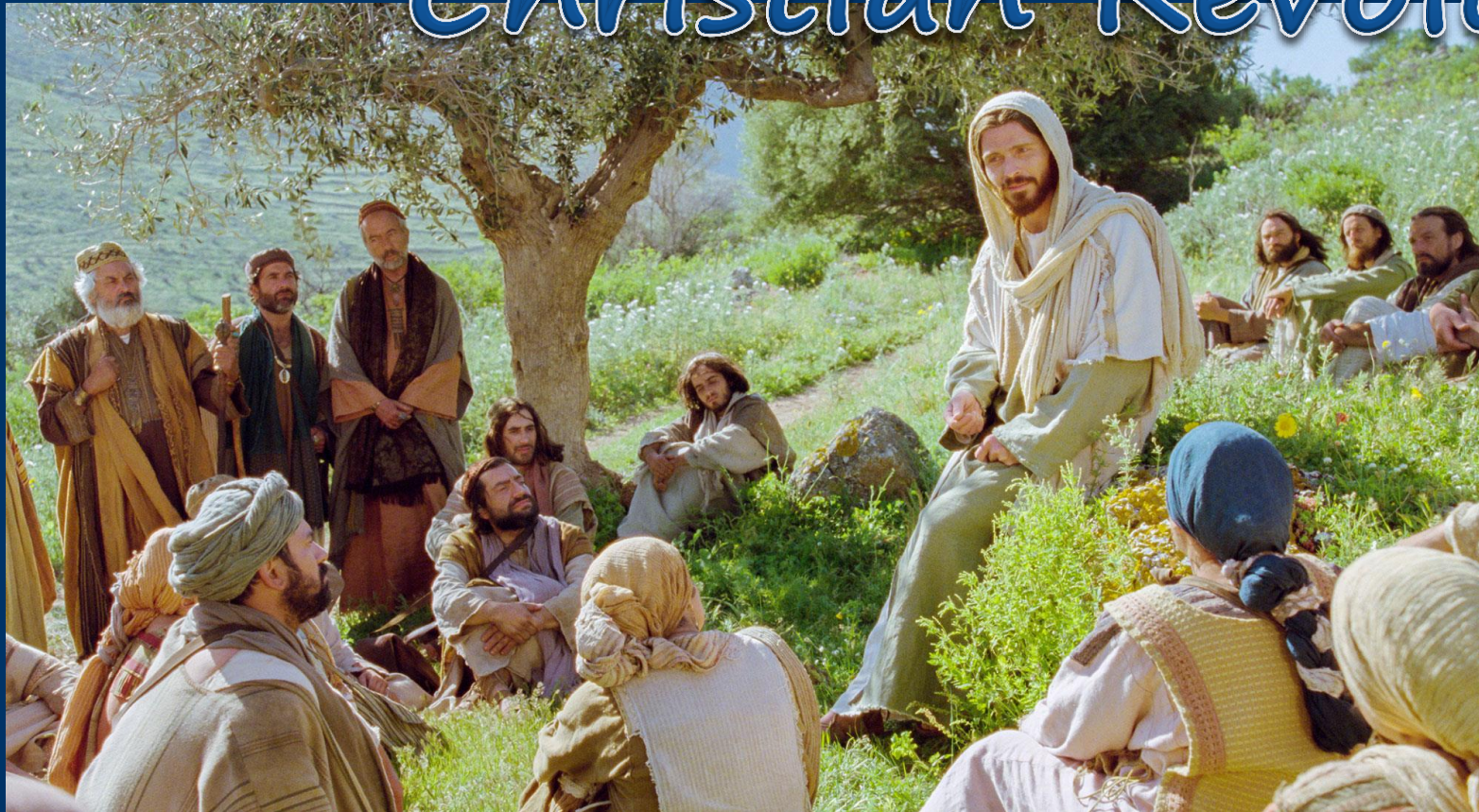
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Christian Revolution

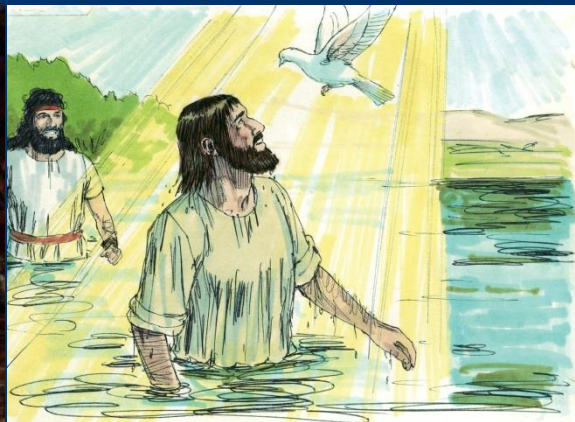


I. IMPORTANCE OF THE INCARNATION

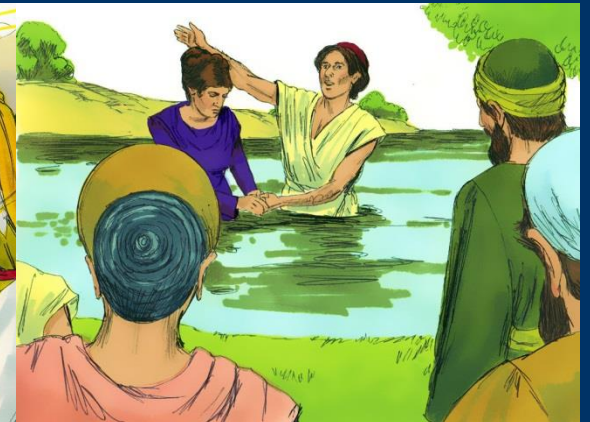
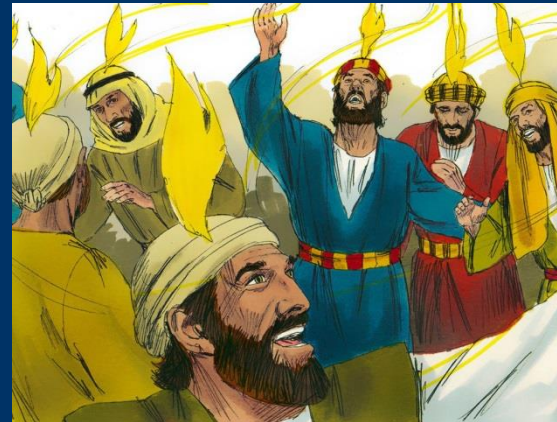
A) Christ Jesus

Acts 1:1 *In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach.*

The Gospel of Luke portrays Jesus as the incarnate Son of God.



The Book of Acts portrays men and women who are indwelt by His life.



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B) Chosen Apostles

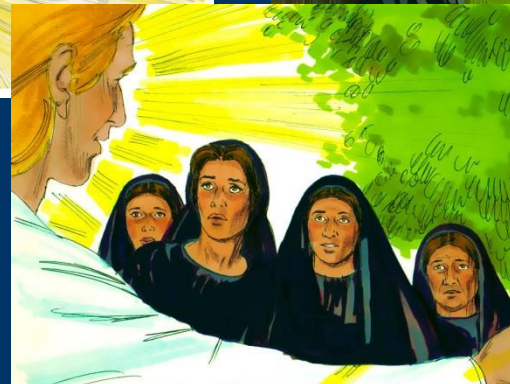
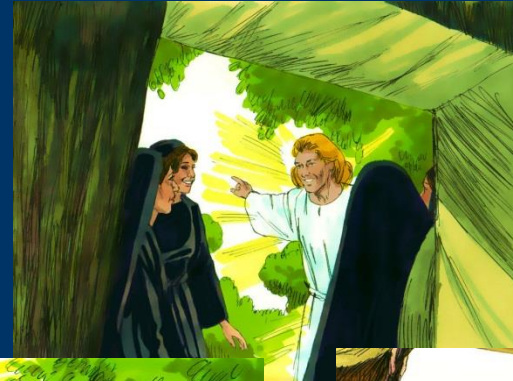
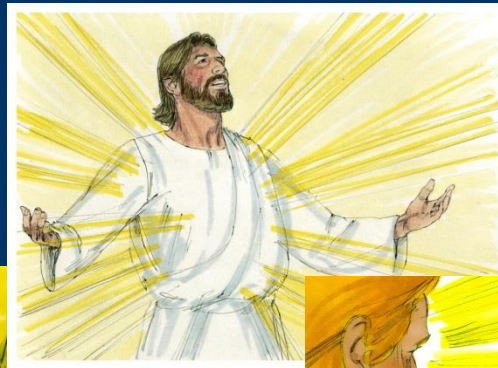
Acts 1:2b He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.



II. PLAN FOR REVOLUTION

A) *Historical Basis*

Acts 1:3 *After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

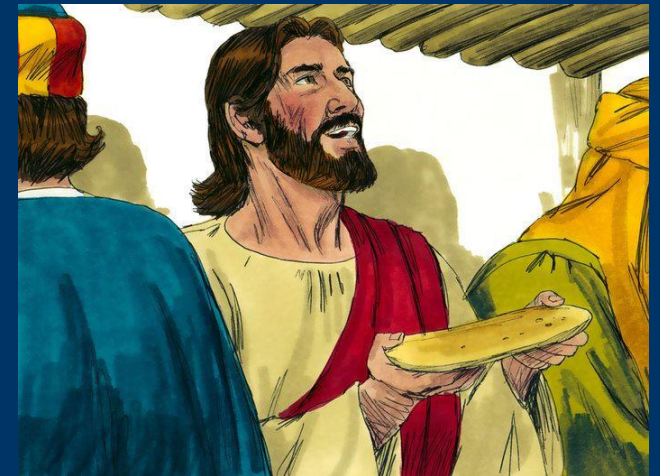
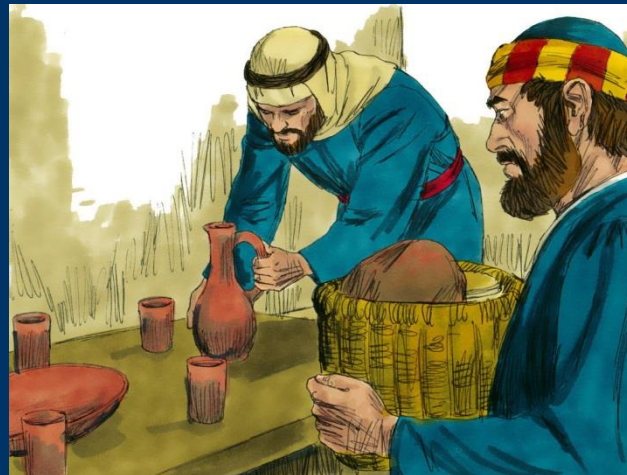


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John 14:12 *Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. **13** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.*

The Promise of
the Father

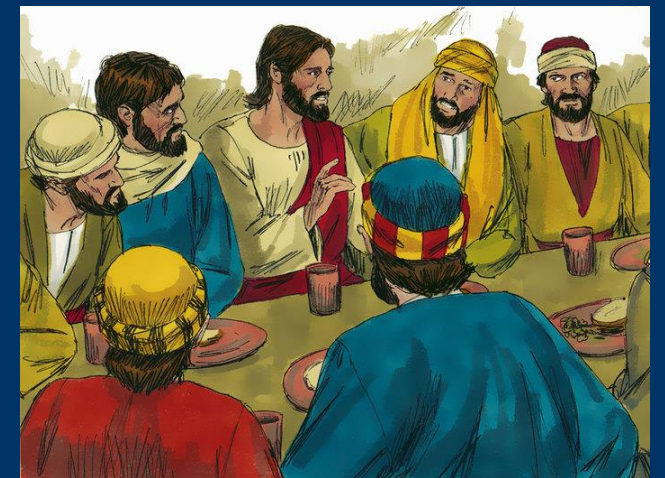
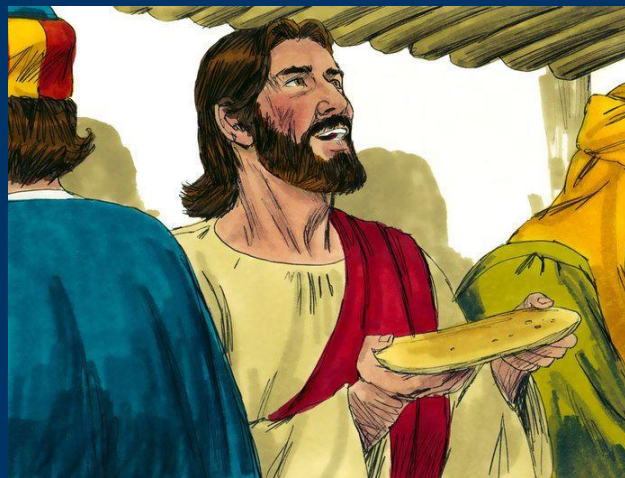


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*John 14:15 "If you love me, keep my commands. **16** And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — **17** the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."*

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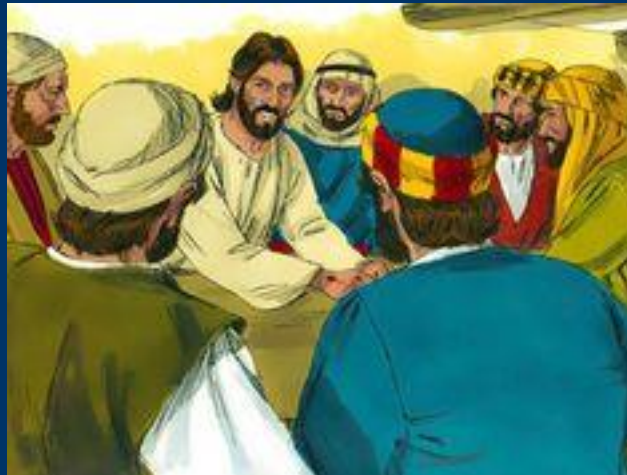


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A) *Historical Basis*

Acts 1:4 *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about."*

The Release of
the Power

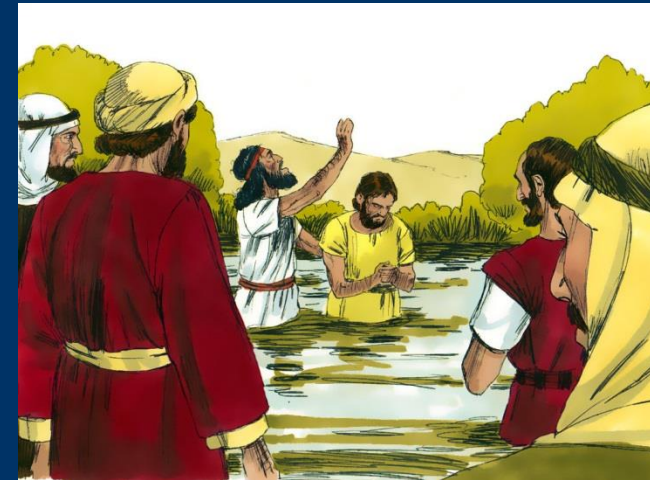
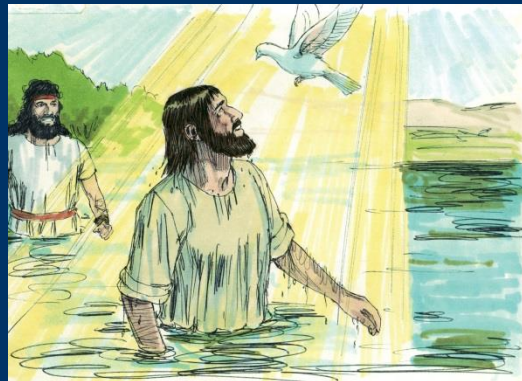
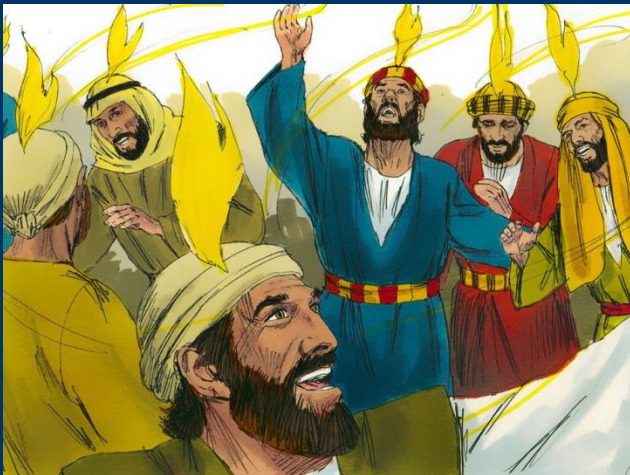


II. PLAN FOR REVOLUTION

B) Dynamic Elements

The church is not a symbol but a reality

Acts 1:5 *For John baptized with water,...*



*...but in a few days you will be baptized
with the Holy Spirit."*

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B) Dynamic Elements

Jesus' words to the disciples teach us that the church is not a program but a power.

Acts 1:6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ***8a*** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you;

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What is the nature of this power?



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Jesus' church members are not promoters but witnesses.

Acts 1:8b and *you will be my witnesses* in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

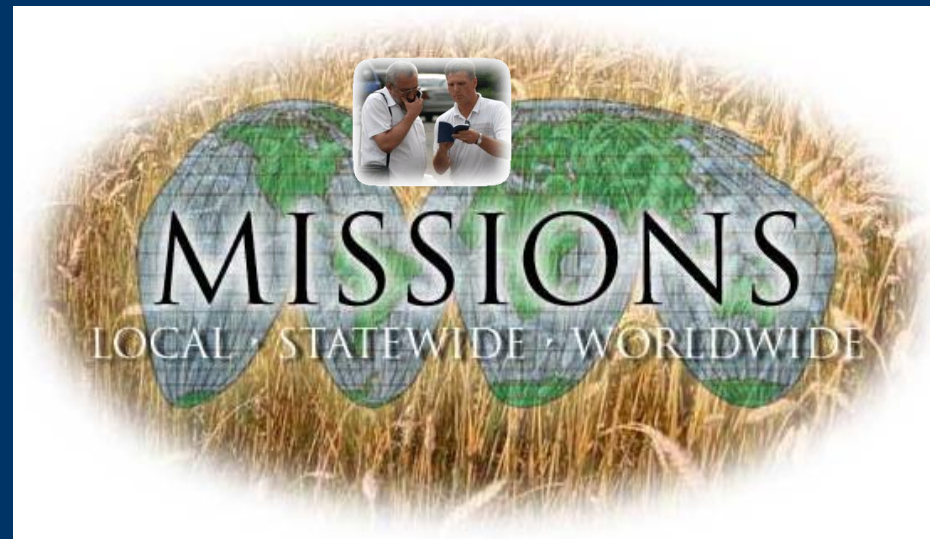


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The church is not restricted but universal.

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C) Authentic Assurance

Acts 1:9 After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. **10** They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.

11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



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D) Specific Obedience

Acts 1:12 *Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city.*
13 *When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.*
14 *They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*



CONCLUSION:



In many ways, our world is vastly different than that of the early Christians, but in moral and spiritual aspects nothing has changed. In light of this fact, two implications of Christ's revolutionary incarnation strategy remain true:

- 1. To implement an effective plan, people must be infected.***
- 2. To impact an advanced world, power must be released.***





CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. In the last few decades, how does technological revolution changes the way we live our lives?*
- 2. Why is the concept of incarnation in the gospel and Acts so important in the extension of God's kingdom?*
- 3. Name one historical fact of Christianity that makes it difference from all other religions?*
- 4. What are some misconceptions of the church?*
- 5. What is the assurance that Christ gives us about our future that set us aflame for Him?*



Scripture References:

Acts 1:1-14