

ACTS
OF THE APOSTLES

LET US PRAY | KIA IINOI TAATOU

"Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, That my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, That my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, That I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, To defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, That I always may be holy."

Saint Augustine (354-430)



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Today:

- Recap(itulation) - week one
- Acts 1
 - Holy Spirit Promised
 - Ascension
 - New Disciple



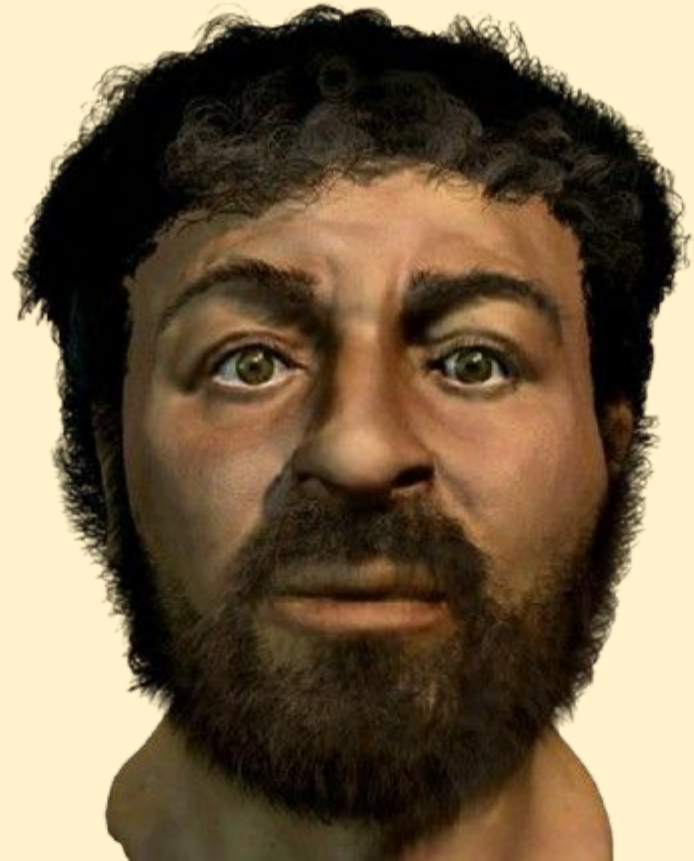


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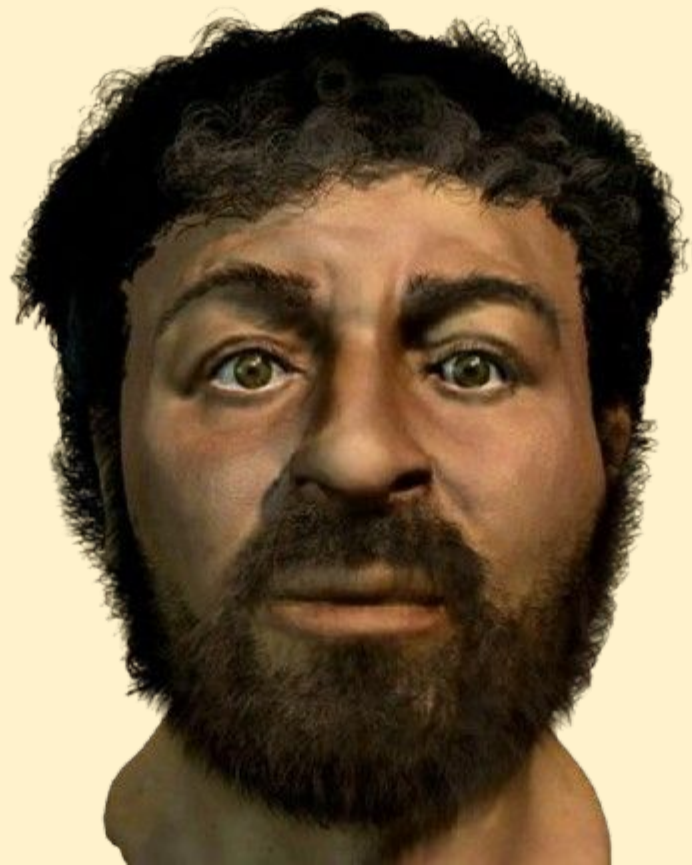
- Jesus is the subject of *Acts*
- In [2001 forensic anthropologist Richard Neave](#) created a model of a Galilean man for a BBC documentary, *Son of God*, working on the basis of an actual skull found in the region.



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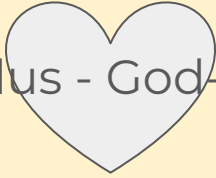
“The church is Jesus’ vehicle to continue his work in the world. In the opening chapter, Jesus promises his disciples the Holy Spirit in power (Acts 1:5), commissions them to take the gospel to the “end of the earth” (Acts 1:8), ascends into heaven (Acts 1:9), and is promised to return again (Acts 1:11). “

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ACTS 1

Theophilus - God-lover



FORTY
DAYS



SORTITION

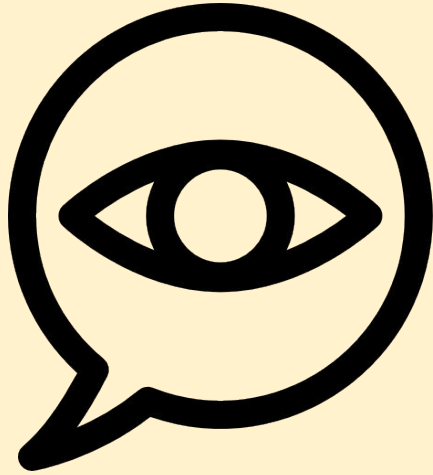


But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (8)

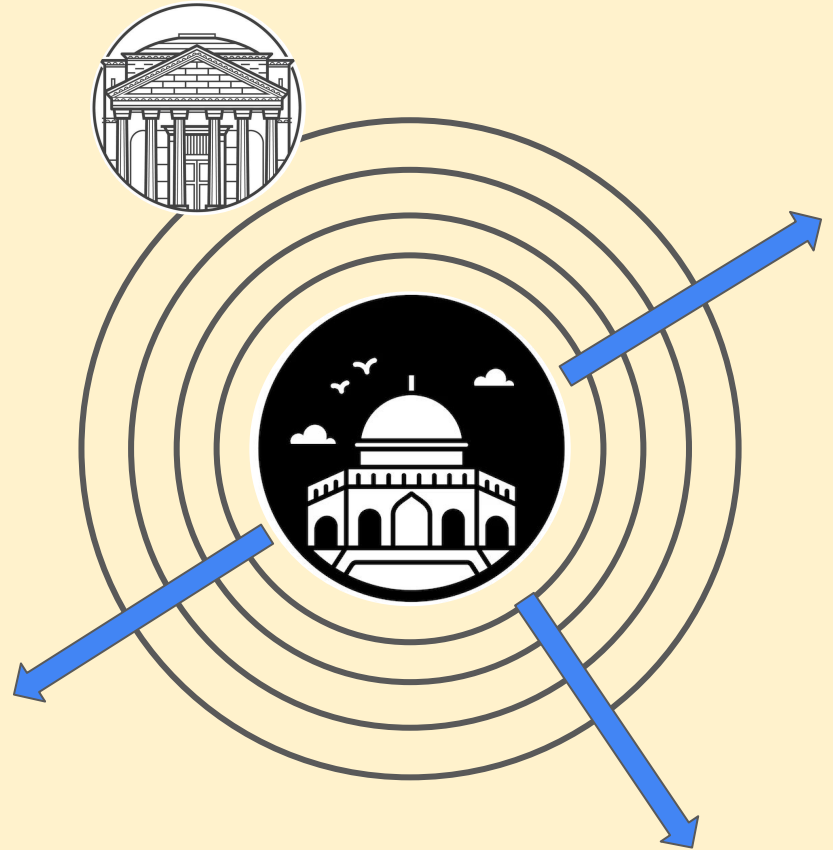


FROM JERUSALEM TO ROME: the Kingdom of God

“To the end of the earth”



The primary task of the people of God is to bear **witness** to God's great deeds.



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

God's people under God's rule, in God's place. (TGC)

HAS THE TIME COME?

“Now, but not yet.” Jesus brought God's reign into the present age through his life, death, resurrection, and the Holy Spirit's work—offering salvation, healing, and authority over evil now. Yet sin, suffering, and death persist until Christ's second coming completes God's rule over all creation.



THE TRINITY? Vv. 7-8

“The Father alone ... when the Holy Spirit comes ... telling people about me everywhere.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is at work in creation and redemption. Themes of repentance, forgiveness, water baptism, reception of Holy Spirit.



THE ASCENSION

“After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.”



DISCIPLES v APOSTLES

Disciple is derived from the Latin word for 'student, learner, follower. (The Gk term was *mathetes*.)

Apostle is a Greek word meaning 'one who is sent.'

There is a difference between Apostles and apostles. Jesus was himself an Apostle, along with the 12 disciples.



WHAT STOOD OUT FOR YOU TODAY?

- Have a conversation with your neighbour
- Make some notes in your Bible/journal
- Share something with the group



NEXT WEEK

Week 3: Pentecost (Acts 2:1–47)

