

2. Some History. (From Tom Wright's Commentary) "In Jesus time, when a Roman emperor died it had become customary to declare that someone had seen his soul escaping from his body and going up to heaven. E.g. Under the arch of Titus in the forum in Rome there is a carving of the soul of Titus ascending to heaven. The emperor was becoming a God and so his son could call himself son of God... Heralds (witnesses) were sent out to the limits of the kingdom to declare there is a new king and to get the allegiance of the people."

- a. How do you think Peter's hearers would understand his words in Acts 2:33-36 in light of this?
- b. How does this change your understanding of Jesus words in Acts 1:6-8?
- c. How might this change the way you can share the gospel?

3. Some Comparisons between Luke's 2 volumes: Compare the following sets of verses:-

Luke 3:21-23	Acts 2:3
Luke 4:1	Acts 2:4, Acts 4:8, Acts 4:31
Luke 4:1	Acts 8:29
Luke 4:14	Acts 1:8, Acts 2:4, Acts 3:1-10
Luke 4:18	Acts 2:17, Acts 2:33.

- a. What do these tell you about :-
 - i. Jesus and the Holy Spirit?
 - ii. The disciples and the Holy Spirit?
 - iii. You and the Holy Spirit?
- b. What might this mean for you and your expectations of your discipleship journey?