

HOW TO START A REVOLUTION

Get Ready

Acts 1:1-9

WHO WROTE IT?

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Acts 1:1

. . . it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus.

Luke 1:3b

Luke wrote both Luke and Acts to a Roman Official named Theophilus.

WHEN DID HE WRITE IT?

Before 64 AD

Peter and Paul were executed in 64 AD.

Their deaths are not included in Acts.

HOW DID HE WRITE IT?

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Luke 1:1-4

Luke used . . .

• Other accounts • Eyewitnesses • Luke's own investigation

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HOW TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN THE REVOLUTION

Acts 1:1-9

1. BELIEVE THE RESURRECTION:

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.

Acts 1:3

Why is this so important?

- Many will experience death because of their faith
- The core of their message is the resurrection

What does Jesus do to help their belief in the resurrection?

- Appearances
- Teaching

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

Matthew 28:16-17

2. LONG FOR JESUS' KINGDOM:

He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

Acts 1:3b, 6 & 7

3. WAIT ON THE HOLY SPIRIT:

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. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Acts 1:4-5