

READINGS FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

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Reading

Acts 1:3-8

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes, and then you will be my witnesses.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- ³ Jesus had shown himself alive to the apostles after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God.
- ⁴ When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now,
- ⁵ will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'
- ⁶ Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'
- ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority,
- ⁸ but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.