

# THE MESSIAH PLAN

Outposts of Light  
Acts 1:1-10

## Questions:

1. *(the Jews)* If Jesus really was the Messiah, why didn't He usher in a kingdom of power?
  2. *(the disciples)* If Jesus was the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit was about to be unleashed, didn't that mean that it was time to establish the Kingdom?
  3. *(us)* If Jesus really defeated sin and death with the cross and resurrection, why is the world still so dark?
- ⇒ *If Jesus really was the Messiah, how come nothing's changed?*

## Answers:

1. The prophets failed to realize it would be a two-step process.
  2. His Kingdom was, in fact, established when He came.
  3. So the Kingdom is *now*, but still *not yet*.
- ⇒ *Since we are living in the Kingdom, we are...*
- A. To share the good news (Acts 1:6-8)
  - B. To do good deeds (Matthew 5:14-16)
  - C. To live in goodness (Ephesians 5:8,9)

# GROWTH *guide*

*For those who are passionate about their faith!*

**Jesus established His kingdom with His arrival on earth; a kingdom of light. While it has not been fully implemented, we have been told what it means to live as subjects of His kingdom.**

**Through the New Testament in 2018:** John 3-7

Monday | **Matthew 5:13-16**

The Sermon on the Mount serves as Jesus' Kingdom manifesto. What role are we to play as subjects of that kingdom? What is the best way to let your light shine? Where have you seen results?

Tuesday | **Philippians 2:12-16**

How are our lives as Christ-followers to be different from those around us? What is the key to experiencing the work of God within our lives?

Wednesday | **Ephesians 5:8-16**

What does it mean to live as children of light? Why are we told to live that way? How are we told to live that way?

Thursday | **1 Peter 2:9-12**

While we have been called out of darkness, we still evidently live in a dark world. How are we to live as strangers and aliens? What impact have you seen your life have on others?

Friday | **1 Thessalonians 5:4-11**

What does it mean to live in the light? Why are we to be alert and self-controlled? What other examples of living in light are given?

Sunday preview | **Revelation 5:9-12; 11:15**

The Messiah Plan ends with Jesus' ascending to the throne. Whose throne is it? And where is it located? How does this fit with the concept of redemption?