

Acts 1:3-11

Worth Dying For

³After Jesus suffered, he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ ⁷Jesus replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

1) Is there anything worth dying for?

2) The whole story of the Bible:

Good News

Bad News

Good News

3) God says that there is definitely something worth dying for.

4) True recognition of God’s mercy means absolute surrender for us.

“For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.” Mark 8:35

5) Absolute surrender to God’s plan means we never surrender in working out the Great Commission. Be an Acts 1:8 Church!

6) A Witness:

Says, “I know this to be true.”

Lives accordingly (i.e. not just belief, but also behavior)

Becomes a martyr for his King