

**The Unstoppable Gospel**  
**16. From Judea to Samaria (Acts 1-12)**

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**Introduction**

- *What does Hong Kong need?*
- Three **key themes** from Acts 1-12:

**What the message is**

- The message about Jesus (4:8-12, 5:29-32)
  - 'You killed him'
  - 'God raised him'
  - 'We saw him'

**How the message spreads**

- Through *miracles* (chap. 3, 5:12, 8:6)
- Through *people* (chap. 8, 10)
- Through *persecution* (chap. 7, 8:1-4, 11:19)

**What the message does**

- It plants (11:19-30, 2:42, 6:1-7)
- It unites (chap. 2, 8, 10)
- It grows (chap. 1, 12, 9)

**Conclusion**

- On board with God's plan?

**Acts 1v1-8 (NIV)**

<sup>1</sup> In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup> until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup> He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."