
Detective Dan's (Shorter/Simpler) Version of Bible Story for Big Question 12, Bible Truth 7

The Case of the Beautiful Feet Acts

(Numbers correspond to Bible story picture pages in Detective Dan's Big Question Box)

1. Jesus died on the cross and was buried in a grave. Then, on Day Three, He rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples. For the next forty days, Jesus taught them about God's good plans from the Bible. How wonderful it had been to have Jesus with them again!

2. But now, it was time for Jesus to go home to heaven. Before He went, Jesus told his disciples God's plan for them. "Be My witnesses," Jesus said. "Tell everyone what I've done. Teach them what I've taught you. Keep going until the whole world has heard the good news."

3. "But before you go, wait in Jerusalem for the special gift," Jesus told them. "The Father will send the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts. He'll give you the power you need to do God's plan," Jesus promised. Then, Jesus went up through the clouds to heaven.

4. The disciples went back to Jerusalem and waited for the Holy Spirit to come. And on Day Ten, He did! He filled their hearts with wisdom, power and joy to carry out God's plan.

5. The disciples burst out into the streets of Jerusalem that day and began to spread the good news of Jesus. "Turn away from disobeying God. Trust in Jesus as your Savior. Believe this wonderful, good news today!" they urged everyone.

6. Three thousand people turned from their sins and trusted in Jesus as their Savior that day. They gathered together as a church to pray and learn from God's Word. They encouraged each other to worship God and love one another... and to go tell the world about Jesus.

7. Some stayed in Jerusalem and kept sharing about Jesus. But Jerusalem wasn't the whole world. There were still many people in so many places to tell! So, some moved to the nearby towns of their homeland, Judea, and shared about Jesus. Soon, there were new believers in Judea.

8. But... Judea wasn't the whole world. There were STILL many more people in so many places to tell! So some, like Philip, went even further away, to Samaria, the nearby land of their enemies and began to spread the good news of Jesus. And soon, there were new believers in Samaria.

9. But... Samaria wasn't the whole world. There were STILL many more people in so many places to tell! So some, like Paul and Barnabas, went further away. Over mountains, across the sea, they shared about Jesus. Soon, there were little churches of believers in these faraway places.

10. But... that STILL wasn't the whole world! And that's why, the job Jesus gave His disciples still isn't finished. There are STILL so many people who need to hear the good news of Jesus—BILLIONS of them! Who will tell THEM about Jesus? God's people, living today! What a big job!

11. God's people can't do this alone, but they don't have to. God still sends His Holy Spirit to live in their hearts, giving them what they need to do God's good plans. And as they tell about Jesus, He'll also work in the hearts of those who listen, helping them trust in Jesus as their Savior.

12. So, out to the whole world, God's people still need to go with the good news of Jesus. And when at last, all have heard, Jesus will return to take His people to live with Him in the new heaven and earth forever. What a great day that will be! It will be Perfect Wonderfulness!