

They Will Follow

A question:

- ▶ *¹⁵ And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; ¹⁸ they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." ¹⁹ So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs. (Mk. 16:15-20 ESV)*

A closer look:

- ▶ *“He appeared to the eleven” (vs 14)*
- ▶ *“These signs will accompany those who have believed”*
 - ▶ Accompany – used 4 times:
 - ▶ Mark 16:17 – “accompany”, KJV – “follow”
 - ▶ Luke 1:3 – “follow”, “investigate”
 - ▶ 1Tim. 4:6; 2Tim. 3:10 – follow
- ▶ How do you know Jesus and the apostle’s performed miracles?

The purpose:

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- ▶ John 17:6-9, 12-21
- ▶ Acts 1:1-8, 15-17, 21-2:1, 42-43
- ▶ Acts 4:33; 5:12
- ▶ Hebrews 2:1-4

Apostles

- ▶ *⁴ When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵ which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. (Eph. 3:4-5 ESV)*
- ▶ The Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit.
- ▶ Acts 8:13-19
- ▶ Acts 2:38-39; Gal. 3:1-6
- ▶ *The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works. (2 Cor. 12:12 ESV)*