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Therefore Go Jesus' Last Words Pastor Billy Holden

Big Idea: God initiated a massive, three-phase search and rescue strategy to find his lost children. The first phase was Israel. God wanted a nation through whom to show his character and to call people back to himself. The second phase was Jesus Christ. Jesus declared, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me." We are lost and Jesus is the way back home. By his death on the cross and his resurrection, we can be reunited to our heavenly Father. The third phase is in The Story today—the church. We will be looking at the Book of Acts, beginning with Acts 1:8.

Intro: When Your Child is Missing. - Key bullet points and action steps are on the cover of the book, like, "You're not alone," "Hope is essential," "Trust your feelings and share them with law enforcement officials," "Distribute pictures," "Keep your focus," "Exercise caution," and the final exhortation is "Never stop looking."

1. Jesus last words reveal God's Final plan.

6 So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

7 He replied, "The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

9 After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

The Gospel of Luke describes: God finding his lost children through Jesus Christ.

The Book of Acts, written by Luke describes: God finding his lost children through the church.

2. What can this mean?

36 "So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!"

Three thousand respond to Peter's explanation by repenting, being baptized, and becoming the first people in the birth of the church

Closing - The church spread into Judea and Samaria as Jesus commanded because God's people were filled with the spirit and bore witness to the world.

We have a task. and we need a Ghost to help us.