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EASTER WAS JUST THE BEGINNING...

A 12-WEEK STUDY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS

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[9] But there was a man named Simon, ho had previously practiced magic in the city and amazed the people of Samaria, saying that he himself was somebody great. [10] They all paid attention to him, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the power of God that is called Great."

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[11] And they paid attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with his magic. [12] But when they believed Philip as he preached good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

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13 Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed. **14** Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, **15** who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit,
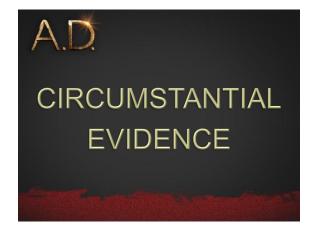
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16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.**17** Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. **18** Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money,
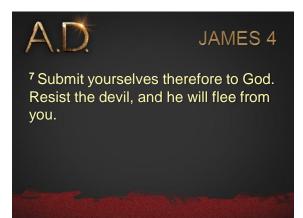
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19 saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." **20** But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money! **21** You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right before God.

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

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1. God's power transforms people.
2. God's power is not an "add-on" for our lives.

A.D.   JAMES 4

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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God doesn't want to just be an add-on _TO_ our lives,
He wants us to be free from the bondage of circumstances by being _IN_ our lives.

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1. God's power transforms people.
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3. God's power frees us in spite of our circumstances.

A.D. ROMANS 8

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

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28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

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30 And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.**31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also,

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along with him, graciously give us all things? **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

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35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? … **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

A.D. — ROMANS 8

38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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"Why do the righteous suffer?"

"Why not? They're the only ones who can take it."

C. S. Lewis