

Presence Theater Church
Bible Survey
The Acts of the Apostles

Meaning of book: There is no Greek rendering for Acts. This book chronicles the deeds of a few of Jesus' apostles in the _____ years after His ascension.

Who wrote it? Acts is the second of a two-volume set (The Gospel of Luke and Acts), written by _____ the physician. Acts picks up where Luke's Gospel ends. (Luke 24:48-53; Acts 1:1-11)

Date of writing: _____ **Timing of events:** _____

- Possibly written from _____ where Paul was under house arrest. (28:16)
- Acts is the historical link between the Gospels and the _____, and is the only book in the Bible that chronicles the history and growth of the church.

Key Term: _____: This book records what the apostles and early Christians accomplished as they were _____ by the Holy Spirit. The author understood that none of this would have been possible apart from the Holy Spirit.

Location of Events: Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 are fulfilled as the church begins in _____, and extends to Judea and _____, and then the uttermost parts of the world.

- Book Outline:**
- I. The _____ in Jerusalem (1 – 8:4)
 - The Power of the Church
 - The Progress of the Church
 - II. The Witness in _____ and Samaria (8:5-12:25)
 - The Witness of Philip and Conversion of Saul
 - The Witness of Peter and the Early Church
 - III. The Witness to the End of the _____ (13: 1-28:31)
 - Paul's Three Missionary Journeys
 - Paul's Trip to Rome

Summary in one sentence: Christianity spread from Jerusalem to Rome and from Jews to _____ by the power of the Holy Spirit, working especially through Peter and _____.

Summary in ten words or less: _____

Cast of Characters: *God* – through the Holy Spirit, leads the followers of Jesus out into the world; *Jesus* – Acts begins with His final instructions and _____ to heaven; *Matthias*– chosen as replacement for the _____; *Peter*– explains the _____ of the Holy Spirit; *Ananias, Sapphira*– die after _____ to the Holy Spirit; *Philip* – an evangelist; miraculously transported by the Holy Spirit; *Saul of Tarsus* – vehement _____ of Christianity; becomes Paul, apostle to the Gentiles; *Barnabas*: the disciple known as “the _____” (4:36; 11:23)

Verse to Remember: *“But ye shall receive _____, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be _____ unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)*

- Interesting Facts:**
1. Acts _____ is the Book of Acts in miniature:
 - Acts 1:1 - 8:4 – Jerusalem.
 - Acts 8:5 - 12:25 - Judea and Samaria.
 - Acts 13-28 - To the end of the earth. “Uttermost parts of the earth.” (KJV)
 2. Through the first _____ chapters the major character is Peter. Through the final _____ chapters the major character is Paul.
 3. Acts tells of the first Christian martyr, _____, stoned to death for blaming Jewish leaders for the death of Jesus (Chapter 7).

What is my take away? Let’s pray that the same power of the Holy Spirit that overtook the church in Acts will overwhelm the church today and spread like fire across America and the world.