

Bible 101: The Book of Acts of the Apostles

04.7/8.24



Announcements

- Resource page
 - www.oursaviorsnewulm.org
 - Bible Study
- Lent Madness Champion...
- Game Night tonight
 - 5:30PM - 7:30PM
 - Potluck

THE WESLEYAN QUADRILATERAL

TRADITION

Denominations
Church History
Spiritual Practices
Christian Writings

REASON

Science
Philosophy
Logic

EXPERIENCE

Personal Experience
Emotions
Shared Experiences
Testimonies
Stories of Saints

SCRIPTURE





Who is Luke?

- Beloved Physician - Colossians 4:14
- Gentile
- Not an eyewitness, but combined stories from eyewitnesses
- Focused on those who are excluded or ignored
- Wrote Luke and Acts
- Wrote this to convince Theophilus (lover of God)

• A UNIFIED, 1200-VOLUME WORK
 • FROM THE SAME AUTHOR:
LUKE
 • A TRAVELING
 CO-COOKER
 WITH PAUL
 (COLLOSSIANS 3:12)
 (PHILIPPIANS 2:25)

1-7 PREFACE
HOW & WHY
 LUKE WROTE HIS orderly account about the things that have been FULFILLED among us.

HOW: CONSULTS EYEWITNESS TRADITIONS

WHY: TO SHOW HOW THE STORY OF JESUS FULFILLS THE STORY OF GOD & ISRAEL ... & THE WHOLE WORLD

LUKE ACTS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO **LUKE**

CONSISTS MOSTLY OF JESUS' PARABLES & TEACHING ON THE ROAD

LUKE PORTRAYS FOLLOWING JESUS AS A JOURNEY YOU LEARN AS YOU GO!

9b-19a JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM

21:33-35
 THE CONCLUDING SCENE

THE SCRIPTURES HAD TO BE FILLED. THAT THE MESSIAH WOULD SUFFER DEATH & BE RESURRECTED.

GO ANNOUNCE GOD'S FORGIVENESS TO THE NATIONS, BUT WAIT FIRST FOR THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT

KEEP BEARING INTO ACTS.

19b-24 JESUS' FINAL WEEK IN JERUSALEM

1-2 INTRODUCTION

PARALLEL BIRTH STORIES OF JOHN THE BAPTIST & JESUS

UNLIKELY PROMISE OF A SON → POEMS OF CELEBRATION

MY LORD GOD OF ISRAEL BE PRAISED!
 (1:6-7)

MY SPIRIT REMAINS IN GOD (MY FATHER!)
 (1:16-17)

JOHN THE PROPHETIC MESSENGER WHO PREPARES ISRAEL TO MEET THEIR GOD

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION!
 (1:24-25)

JESUS THE MESSIANIC KING WHO WILL BRING GOD'S REIGN & BLESSING

ANNA & SIMON

3-9a JESUS & HIS MISSION

3 JESUS BAPTISM & GENEALOGY

YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON

Jesus: JESUS IS THE MESSIANIC KING WHO BRINGS GOD'S BLESSING TO ALL HUMANITY

David: THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, TO PREACH GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR & FREEDOM FOR PRISONERS; NEW SIGHT FOR THE BLIND & FREEDOM FOR THE OPPRESSED. (4:18-19; ISAIAH 61:1-2)

Abraham: RELEASE: REFERS TO YEAR OF JUBILEE (LEVITICUS 25) - ALL SLAVES RELEASED - DEBT CANCELLED

HEBREW: ANI PEOPLE OF LOW SOCIAL STATUS OR OUTSIDERS

1 JESUS LAUNCHES HIS KINGDOM MISSION

4 JESUS' CONTINUED MISSION TO 'THE POOR'

THE TRAGEDY OF ISRAEL'S LEADERS WHO REJECT JESUS & HIS KINGDOM

1-6 HEALING THE SICK: JESUS GOOD NEWS FOR 'THE POOR'

WELCOMING THE OUTSIDER

6:12-17 FORMING A NEW ISRAEL: MANIFESTO OF AN UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM

GOD'S LOVE-REVERSAL OF OUR VALUE SYSTEMS

RADICAL GENEROSITY, SERVANT LEADERSHIP, PEACEMAKING, FORGIVENESS, DEEP PIETY THAT REJECTS RELIGIOUS HYPOCRISY

RESISTANCE FROM LEADERS LEADS TO **10-20 A NEW REVELATION**

HE DISHONORS OUR TRADITIONS!
 (10:29)

HE'S A DRUNK!
 (10:30-31)

I AM THE MESSIAH, AND I'M GOING TO DIE IN JERUSALEM.
 (10:34)

THIS IS MY CHOSEN SON.

7:20-30 JESUS' TRANSFORMATION

TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT JESUS' EXODUS TO BE FULFILLED IN JERUSALEM!

JESUS: A NEW MOSES, FREEING HIS NEW ISRAEL FROM THE TYRANNY OF EVIL

10 PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

LETS THROW A PARTY! MY LOST SON IS FOUND!

GO AHEAD OF ME & ANNOUNCE GOD'S KINGDOM HAS ARRIVED!

10 JESUS SENDS OUT THE 70

JESUS' CONTINUED MISSION TO 'THE POOR'

YOU'VE NEGLECTED THE JUSTICE & THE LOVE OF GOD!

JESUS' KINGDOM BANQUETS WITH 'THE POOR'

LET'S COME TO BREAK BREAD WITH THE LOST! ZACCHAEUS (19:1-10)

VS.

JESUS' KINGDOM BANQUETS WITH ISRAEL'S LEADERS

THEY REJECT JESUS & HIS KINGDOM

19b ARRIVAL & REJECTION IN JERUSALEM

IF ONLY YOU HAD RECOGNIZED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BRING PEACE TO THIS CITY!
 (19:42)

20-21 JESUS PREDICTS THE TEMPLE'S DESTRUCTION

THIS HAS BECOME A DEN OF REBELS!
 (19:45)

JERUSALEM WILL BE SURROUNDED BY ARMIES!
 (19:43)

ITS DESTRUCTION IS NEAR!
 (19:41)

22 JESUS' LAST PASSOVER

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!
 (23:14, 15)

WHA TYPICAL ARABIC MESSIAH CLAIMS

DRUNK BODY & SHED BLOOD WILL LIBERATE JESUS' NEW ISRAEL

HE SAYS HE'S A KING!

HEROD ANTIPAS

PILATE

REMEMBER ME, JESUS!

FATHER, FORGIVE THEM.
 (23:34)

TODAY YOU'LL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.
 (23:43)

21:1-12 THE EMPTY TOMB

JESUS IS RISEN!

24:13-32 THE ROAD TO EMPHASIS

WHY ARE YOU SO DUMB?

DO YOU THINK JESUS WOULD REDEEM ISRAEL, BUT NOT HER REDEM?

JESUS!

THE POINT: ONLY WHEN WE SURRENDER OURSELVES TO JESUS' UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM, EMBODIED BY THE CROSS, CAN WE TRULY EXPERIENCE THE REAL JESUS

Open your Bible to Acts,
Chapter 1





Acts of the Apostles

- Πράξεις Ἀποστόλων
 - Práxeis Apostólōn
 - Title given by Irenaeus in the late 2nd Century
- Continuation of the Gospel of Luke
- Written with more confidence and connection to the story
 - Luke may have been present for some of this

- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
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1-12 I produced my first account about all the things Jesus began to do & teach.

IMPLICATION: **ACTS** WHAT JESUS "CONTINUED" TO DO & TEACH

TRADITIONAL NAME: **The Acts of the Apostles**
A MORE ACCURATE NAME:

The ACTS of Jesus & the SPIRIT

LUKE ACTS

1 INTRODUCTION

KINGDOM OF GOD:

- JESUS RESTORES GOD'S KINGDOM OVER THE WORLD
- CALLED ISRAEL TO FOLLOW HIM
- ENTHRONED AS KING THROUGH HIS DEATH & RESURRECTION

PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT:

• FULFILLS PROPHETIC HOPE (ISAIAH 52, EZEKIEL 36, JER 31:2)

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JOY SPIRIT

GOD'S GLORY = FILLING IN TEMPLE

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3-5 A TALE OF TWO TEMPLES

LUKE'S POINT:

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8-12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

HOW THE MOSTLY JEWISH, JERUSALEM-BASED COMMUNITY OF JESUS... BECAME... MULTI-ETHNIC, INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

9 PHILIP IN SAMARIA

9b-10a PETER & CORNELIUS

10b THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

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CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

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13-20 THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

13-14 ASIA MINOR

15-16a ASIA MINOR & GREECE

16b-20 ASIA MINOR & GREECE AGAIN!

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

NO WAY!

UNLESS PEOPLE BECOME TEUTON, THEY CAN'T BE SAVED. (2:1)

GOD'S PLAN IS ALWAYS TO INCLUDE NON-JEWISH IN HIS PEOPLE.

PROPHETICALLY ALLUSING BROTHERS/HERBARKING

MEMBERSHIP IN JESUS' PEOPLE IS NOT BASED ON ETHNICITY OR TORAH OBSERVANCE, BUT SIMPLY ON TRUSTING & OBEYING JESUS.

CONTINUED MISSION TO ISRAEL

JESUS IS KING OF ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS!

HE OPPOSES THE TORAH!

THE PARADOX OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

- A JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT, but ethnically diverse

- MEN & WOMEN, RICH & POOR, SLAVE & FREE... all treated as equals

- LOYAL TO JESUS ALONE... but not a military threat to Rome

THE CLASH OF CULTURES (ch. 11, 16-17, 19)

HE'S DANGEROUS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE!

THE RISEN JESUS IS THE ONE TRUE GOD & KING!

ACCUSATIONS OF REBELLION (ch. 17, 18)

HE'S BEYOND CREATION, STRONGER THAN HIS MOTHER KING, JESUS!

LUKE-ACTS

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM CAME ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN THROUGH JESUS & HIS SPIRIT & HIS CHURCH

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO KING JESUS:

- SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD & ACTION
- FORMING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EQUALS
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21-28 PAUL'S WITNESS SPREADS TO ROME

21-22 PAUL ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

HE TEACHES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE & OUR TEMPLE! (21:28)

HE'S THE TERRORIST FROM EGYPT! (21:38)

ROME

23-26 PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE...

23 THE SANHEDRIN

24 GOVERNOR FELIX

25 GOVERNOR FESTUS

26 KING AGRIPPA

27

28

HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!

UHHHHH... PASS!

RID THE EARTH OF HIM!!!

I STAND ON TRIAL BECAUSE OF MY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE SUFFERING MESSIAH. (23:6, 26-28)

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT ALLOWS TIME TO COMPOSE HIS APOSTOLIC LETTERS

26 UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME

TO COLOSSAE

TO EPHESSUS

TO PHILIPPI

TO THYATIRA

TO TRAPESUS

TO ROMANS

PAUL ANNOUNCED THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BOLDLY TEACHING ALL ABOUT THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH, TOTALLY UNHINDERED. (28:31)

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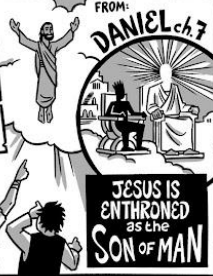


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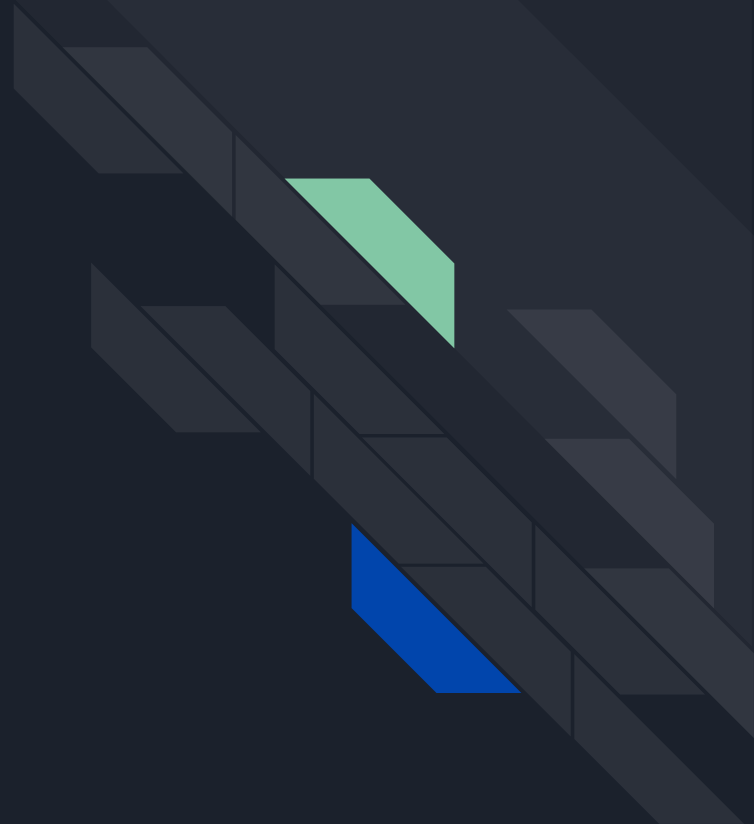
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Luke-Acts Series

Acts 1-7



What stands out to you
about that video?





Acts Chapter 1

- The Promise of the Holy Spirit
- The Ascension of Jesus
- Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas



Acts Chapter 2

- The Coming of the Holy Spirit
- Peter Addresses the Crowd
- The First Converts
- Life Among the Believers



Acts Chapter 3

- Peter heals a Crippled Beggar
- Peter Speaks in Solomon's Portico



Acts Chapter 4


- Peter and John before the Council
- The Believers pray for Boldness
- The Believers Share Their Possessions



Acts Chapter 5

- Ananias and Sapphira
- The Apostles Heal Many
- The Apostles are Persecuted

Acts Chapter 6

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- Seven Chosen to Serve
 - The Arrest of Stephen



Acts Chapter 7

- Stephen's Speech to the Council
- The Stoning of Stephen

Closing Prayer

