



Acts

Lesson 1

Things to look for

- *Role of the Holy Spirit*
- *Role of Prayer*
- *Role of Signs and wonders*
- *Sermons*
- *Use of Old Testament Scriptures*
- *Citations of Historical value (sets dates)*
- *Importance of people (names)*
- *Team Ministry*

Acts 1-2

Author

Luke 1:1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Audience

Act 1:1-2 In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.

Theophilus: means “a friend of God,”

Intent

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Time Frame

Act 1:3 He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

Events take place 40 days after the resurrection

The Promise of the Father

*Act 1:4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for **the promise of the Father**, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now."*

The Promise of the Father = The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The Disciples Hopes

Act 1:6-7 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority."

The disciples still didn't get it, but Jesus didn't sweat it.

Jesus' parting words

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts version of the great commission.

The problem with Judas

Luke 6:13-16 And when day came, he [Jesus] called his disciples and chose from them twelve, whom he named apostles: Simon, whom he named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, and Judas the son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Jesus chose Judas! He works even through evil doers

Do you suppose Jesus was surprised with the outcome of His choice?

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the Twelve? And yet one of you is a devil."

John 2:24-25 But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

How did Judas die?

Mat 27:5 And throwing down the pieces of silver into the temple, he departed, and he went and hanged himself.

Act 1:18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.)

What were the qualifications for Judas' replacement?

Acts 1:21-22 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection."

The Apostle Paul did not qualify!

How did the disciples choose Judas' replacement?

Act 1:26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Rev 21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The Apostle Matthias becomes one of the 12!

Pentecost

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.

The word “Pentecost” is a Greek word signifying the 50th part of a thing, or the 50th in order. Among the Jews it was applied to one of their three great feasts which began on the 50th day after the Passover.

This takes place 50 days after Jesus’ crucifixion.

What nations were represented there that day?

Acts 2:9-10 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

See Map



Parthians, Medes, Elamites, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome

What does Peter attribute what happened there to?

Acts 2:17 "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

Peter quotes Joel 2:28-32 and attributes what is happening to the Holy Spirit

Peters Sermon

Acts 2:33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

Peter quotes Psalms 16:8-11 and connects his explanation with a salvation message

The Aftermath

Acts 2:41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Those who received his word were baptized
About 3000 are saved that day

Signs of a changed heart

Act 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

They devoted themselves to:

- the apostles' teaching
- the fellowship,
- to the breaking of bread
- and the prayers

The continued work of the Holy Spirit

Act 2:43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.

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The response of the church

Acts 2:44-47 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The church responded to help with the need!

The results

And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The momentum continues!