

The Book Of Acts

Jerusalem To Samaria Ch 1-8

DATE & AUTHOR

Date Written: 62-90 A.D
Date Of Events: 33-64 A.D
Author: Luke

Apostle and companion of Paul. Well studied physician and researcher of the early church.

THEME

Jesus as the head pastor of the early church sends the Holy Spirit to direct, equip and empower His followers to be His witnesses anywhere they might be.

KEY VERSE

Acts 1:8 Jesus speaking

“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.”

Chapter 1

The Purpose Of The Church

Jesus gives his last commands to the disciples
 Judas is replaced by Matthias

Chapter 2

The Power Of The Church

Pentecost - the church is empowered by the Holy Spirit promised by Jesus.
 Peter preaches & the church begins to grow

Chapter 3

The Presentation Of The Gospel

Peter and John heal a beggar in the temple
 Peter preaches the Gospel in the temple

Chapter 4

The Persecution & Prayer Of The Church

Peter and John are questioned before the Jewish council and told to stop teaching about Jesus
 The church prays for boldness to continue ministry

Chapter 5

The Purging & Protection Of The Church

Ananias & Sapphira are judged for their greed
 Apostles continue to preach, are arrested again and freed by an angel

Chapter 6

The Priorities Of The Church

The church does some reorganizing to better serve the growing number of people
 Stephen is arrested for teaching about Jesus

Chapter 7

The Persecution Of The Church

Stephen defends himself before the council and is stoned
 We first meet Saul (Paul) as he oversees Stephens execution

Chapter 8

The Progression Of The Church

Persecution of the church ramps up led by Saul (Paul)
 The church begins to move out from Jerusalem to Judea and Samaria

Historical Notes

The Gospel of Luke and Acts is written by Luke for “Theophilus”, a wealth patron of Luke and early church supporter.

Acts is a descriptive history of the early church following Jesus ascension to heaven.

CH 1-8 Focus on the church in Jerusalem, led by Peter and the disciples

My Notes

