

Bible Course

Acts to Revelation

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Lesson 1

The Book of Acts

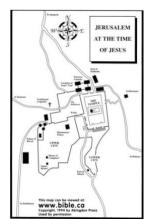
The book of Acts is the record of those who took the Great Commission of the Gospel of Matthew [28: 19, 20] seriously and began to spread the news of a risen Savior to the remote corners of the known world. Acts traces important events in the early history of the New Testament church from the ascension of Christ to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to the rapid progress of the gospel, beginning at Jerusalem, then to Judea and Samaria, and finally "to the uttermost part of the world." Luke is clearly seen as the author of this book, when comparing Acts 1:1 with the opening verses of Luke 1. As a traveling companion with Paul on Paul's missionary journeys, Luke had the opportunity to be an eyewitness of many of the events of which he wrote. The date of the writing of this book is not clear, but it seems to be sometime after 62 A.D. The resurrected Savior is the key theme of this book, as seen in the recorded sermons and defenses in Acts. A key verse in this book, which emphasizes this theme, is Acts chapter 4 verse 12: "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." The Spirit of God used this gospel message for the conversion of many, as "the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" [2:47].

1.	The book of Acts was written by						
	The history in Acts covers the spread of the gospel, beginning as, then, and finally to the						
	3. This book was written sometime after the year 4. A main theme of this book is						
5.	Who was an eyewitness to many of the events in Acts?						
6.	In what way were converts added to the church?						

Read Chapter 1

The book of Acts clearly portrays the spread of the gospel. In chapters 1 –

7, the focus is on the church beginning in Jerusalem among the Jews



and the opposition from the Jews. Chapter one and two describe the birth of the early church with the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and Peter's first recorded sermon. Peter uses Christ's miraculous works, His resurrection, and His sending of the Holy Spirit to show that Jesus is both God and the Messiah. 7. What question did the disciples ask in verse 6, which showed their lack of understanding of the work of Christ on earth? 8. What is meant by the fact that Christ's ascension was "visible?" 9. Give 3 thoughts regarding the value of the ascension for the church [H.C. #49]: *Question: Of what advantage to us is Christ's ascension into heaven?* Answer: First, that He is our Advocate in the presence of His Father in heaven; secondly, that we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, as the head, will also take up to Himself, us, His members; thirdly, that He sends us His Spirit as an earnest, by whose power we "seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God, and not things on earth." c. _____ days for the outpouring of the 10. The apostles waited for Holy Spirit. They continued in with one _____ 11. Describe the end of Judas Iscariot. 12. Who was chosen to be the 12th apostle and how was this done? 13. Pentecost was how many days after Christ's resurrection? 14. Name the 3 specific signs which accompanied the Read Chapter 2 outpouring of the Spirit. 15. Compare these signs with John 3:8 and Matt. 3:11. 16. Briefly summarize Peter's sermon.

17. To which OT prophet does Peter refer in his sermon?						
18. What was the effect of Peter's sermon [verses 37 and 41]?						
19. How is God's sovereignty seen in verse 47?						
20. How is the close fe	20. How is the close fellowship of early believers seen in verses 42-46?					
Read Chapter 3	As the early church grows, the miracle in of was visible to many and leads to Peter's 2 again focuses on Jesus Christ. This resopposition from the Sadducees.	nd sermon which				
_	at the	gate is				
recorded. 22. When God works in	n a person's life, what fruit can be seen?					
23. Write out verse 19, which records Peter's call to repentance.						
24. In what way is the lame man a type of an unsaved sinner? Compare with II Sam.						
Pond Chantor 1	9:3 and 13.					
Read Chapter 4	25. Why were Peter and J	ohn arrested?				
26. Write out verse 12.						
27. How many rulers w	vere in the Jewish Sanhedrin?					
	were in the Jewish Sanhedrin? "believed" in this chapter?					
28. How many people s						
28. How many people of 29. Which verse tells u	"believed" in this chapter?	distribute?				

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Pentecost

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Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove,
With light and comfort from above,
Our waiting souls set free;
Be Thou our Guardian, Thou our Guide,
O'er every thought and step preside,
And draw us after Thee.

Conduct us safe, conduct us far

From every sin and snare,

That we may not Thee grieve;

Apply Thy Word that rules must give,

And teach us lessons how to live,

And firmly to believe.

Lead us to Christ, our only rest,

And in His love may we be blest,

While in His precious Name we meet;

Let precious drops of heavenly dew,

Our courage and our strength renew

And make the Promise sweet.