



## What is It?

Acts is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke. Often called the “Acts of the Apostles”, a more appropriate title may be “Acts of the Holy Spirit”. Originally, it’s believed that Luke and Acts were a single work which was split sometime in the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. It’s the third longest book in the NT, and with Luke comprises 30% of the Testament.

## Who, What, When, Where and Why

**Who** – Acts was written by Luke of whom it is thought that he was a Gentile physician. He was a loyal friend and sometime companion of Paul.

**What** – Acts records the work done by the Holy Spirit through Jesus’ followers and the Church. Peter and Paul are the predominate individuals, but others are significant as well. It’s the story of what Jesus said as recorded in 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 Samria, and to the end of the earth.” This is how the Word spread and continues to spread. The results of His work, are astounding; the Church “mushroomed” in growth.

**When** –Based on historical events not included in the text, it’s believed to have been written sometime around 64 A.D.; before the fall of Jerusalem (70 A.D.).

**Where** – It’s believed that Luke wrote Acts while in Rome with Paul.

**Why** – Luke wrote the Gospel and Acts to inform and instruct Theophilus and others with “certainty” (Luke 1:4) of Jesus’ redemptive work and those of His followers post Jesus’s ascension through the efforts of the Holy Spirit.

## Reading Advice

To read the 28 chapters of Acts this week, depending on the number of days, you will need to read 5-7 chapters a day. While reading, note the work of the Holy Spirit in each chapter. He is noted 70 times in Acts, more than any other book. The following schedule is suggested.

Sunday	Acts 1-4	The First church in Jerusalem
Monday	Acts 5-7	Testifying in Jerusalem
Tuesday	Acts 8-12	Testifying in Judea and Samaria
Wednesday	Acts 13-15:35	Paul Establishes the Churches – First Tour
Thursday	Acts 15:36-18:21	Paul Revisits the Churches – Second Tour
Friday	Acts 18:22-25:9	Paul Encourage the Churches – Third Tour
Saturday	Acts 25:30-28:31	Paul Sent to Rome

# Read Through the **WHOLE** Bible!

## *Adult Bible Class 2023*

In court they expect witnesses to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth." We are witnesses for Christ every day, but do you know His truth, His whole truth, and nothing but His truth? His Truth is found in God's Word. Join Phil, Maire, and Fritz for Sunday morning Bible study as we work through the entire Bible this coming year. They will encourage you, and the rest of the congregation, to read the entire Bible in 2023 and in class, will lead discussions on each book of the Bible, showing how Christ is the center of both the Old and New Testament. 15 to 20 minutes a day in your Bible, and this Bible study on Sundays is all that you need to learn His Truth and be a good witness for Jesus. Classes will meet in the Gym beginning January 8th and will continue until the end of the year. A preliminary schedule is shown below.



8-Jan	The Bible Explained	9-Jul	Isaiah 40-66
15-Jan	Genesis	16-Jul	Jeremiah
22-Jan	Exodus	23-Jul	Lamentations
29-Jan	Leviticus	30-Jul	Ezekiel
5-Feb	Numbers	6-Aug	Daniel
12-Feb	Deuteronomy	13-Aug	Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah
19-Feb	Joshua	20-Aug	Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk
26-Feb	Judges, Ruth	27-Aug	LCMS Conv. Presentation
5-Mar	1 Samuel	3-Sep	Labor Day Weekend
12-Mar	2 Samuel	10-Sep	Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi
19-Mar	Cong. Mtg	17-Sep	Pastor from Italy
26-Mar	1 Kings	24-Sep	Matthew, Mark, Luke
2-Apr	2 Kings	1-Oct	John
9-Apr	Easter	8-Oct	Acts
16-Apr	1 Chronicles	15-Oct	Romans
23-Apr	2 Chronicles	22-Oct	1 & 2 Corinthians
30-Apr	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther	29-Oct	Galatians
7-May	Job	5-Nov	Ephesians
14-May	Psalms	12-Nov	Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2 Thessalonians
21-May	Psalms	19-Nov	1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon
28-May	Memorial Weekend	26-Nov	Hebrews
4-Jun	Psalms	3-Dec	James, 1 & 2 Peter
11-Jun	COS Teacher B-fast	10-Dec	1 & 2 & 3 John, Jude
18-Jun	Proverbs	17-Dec	Revelation
25-Jun	Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon	24-Dec	
2-Jul	Isaiah 1-39	31-Dec	