

BOOK OF ACTS

Author	Luke, the Doctor									
Time	2 yrs - 33-35 AD ca. 14 yrs - 35-48 AD ca.			17 or 19 yrs - 48-65 or 67 AD ca.						
	FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH				FOUNDER OF CHURCHES					
Sections	Spirit of the Church	Growth of the Church	Persecution of the Church	Expansion of the Church	First Journey of Paul	Second Journey of Paul	Third Journey of Paul	Arrest of Paul	Trials of Paul	Imprisonment of Paul
Chapters	1 — 4	5 — 7	8 — 9	10 — 12	13 — 15	16 — 18	19 —20	21—23	24 — 26	27—28
Topics	Peter		Peter & Philip		Paul					
	To the Jews		To the Gentiles in/around Israel		To the Gentiles outside Israel					
Place	Jerusalem		Judea & Samaria		Uttermost Parts of the Roman Empire					

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2Co 11:24-28 (NIV)

24 Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, 26 I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. 27 I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked. 28 Besides everything else, I face daily the pressure of my concern for all the churches.



~ 7,500

60,000,000

0.017%

~ 200,000

6,000,000

 $\sim 7,500$ Christians in Roman Empire – end of 1st century 60,000,000 Population of Roman Empire at that time 0.017% Percentage of Christians in Roman Empire $\sim 200,000$ Christians in Roman Empire – end of 2nd century 6,000,000 Christians in Roman Empire – end of 3rd century





















"From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears and in the midst of severe testing by the plots of my Jewish opponents." (Act 20:17-19, NIV)

"You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus. "And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there." (Act 20:20-22, NIV)

"However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace."

(Act 20:24, NIV)

"Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood." (Act 20:28, NIV)

"So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears." (Act 20:31, NIV) "Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

(Act 20:32, NIV)

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Act 20:35, NIV)

"When Paul had finished speaking, he knelt down with all of them and prayed. They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. Then they accompanied him to the ship."

(Act 20:36-38, NIV)

If everyone in the church was like you...

If everyone in the church was like you...

what would it look like?!

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (1Co 11:1, NIV)

