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CHURCH ON THE MOVE



Acts 1:1-11

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Author of Acts: **Luke the Physician**

Audience of Acts: **Theophilus**

First Book (Prequel): **The Gospel of Luke**

Luke 1:1-4 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.

Luke's goal is to make us **certain of:**

The Man of God (1-3)

The Plan of God (4-11)

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Acts 1:1-3 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. 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.

Luke 24:46 And (Jesus) said to them “thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed.”

Luke 24:36-43 As they (the disciples) were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They have him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

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*Acts is not primarily about what men of God (the apostles) did, Acts primarily about what **Acts is primarily about what THE Man of God (Jesus) is doing.***

Jesus work on earth was to finish the work of salvation for us.

Jesus work from heaven is to bring that salvation to the world through us.

Acts 1:3-6 appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the **kingdom of God**. 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." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

The Plan of God

Luke 24:25-27 And he (Jesus) said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Luke 24:44-45 “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

Old Testament's main story line:

Part 1: God created a good Kingdom

Part 2: Man rebelled against God's good Kingdom

Part 3: God promised a Savior to reestablish His good Kingdom

Acts 1:6 "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:7 He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2-7 describes the gospel in **Jerusalem**.

Acts 8-12 speak of the gospel in **Judea and Samaria**.

Acts 13-28 tells of the gospel going **to the end of the earth**.

Acts 1:9 And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

Acts 1:10-11 And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

John 15:7 It is to your advantage that I go away, the Helper (Holy Spirit) will come to you, but if I go, I will send him to you.