

ACTS

THE IMPACT OF REDEMPTION



**EVERY ENDING IS THE
START OF A NEW
BEGINNING**

ACTS 1:1-3



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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...



ACTS 1:1-3 (CONT.)

...appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.





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...



LUKE 1:1-4 (CONT.)

...for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.





BIBLICAL EVIDENCE



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- Barnabas
- James, brother of Jesus



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COLOSSIANS 4:10-14

Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, and Mark the cousin of Barnabas (concerning whom you have received instructions—if he comes to you, welcome him), and Jesus who is called Justus. These are the only men of the circumcision among my fellow workers for the kingdom of God, and they have been a comfort to me.



COLOSSIANS 4:10-14 (CONT.)

Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness that he has worked hard for you and for those in Laodicea and in Hierapolis. Luke the beloved physician greets you, as does Demas.





2 TIMOTHY 4:9-11

Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry.





AUDIENCE



THE PURPOSE OF ACTS



*“Make disciples who make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the Glory of God.”*

**REDEMPTION SPOKANE'S
MISSION**



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5. The Inclusion of Gentiles & the Gospel's Impact on Outsiders



TYPES OF PEOPLE IMPACTED

- Powerful & Weak
- Rich & Poor
- Male & Female
- Young & Old
- Poor Widows
- Provincials
- Merchants
- Jailers
- Sailors
- Military
- Proconsuls
- Governors
- Kings
- Philosophers



CITIES & REGIONS

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- Damascus (Syria)
- Cyprus
- Many cities in Asia Minor
- Macedonia
- Greece
- Rome





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“The approach of the early Christians is interesting. They did not sit down and dialogue with other faiths very much, so far as we know. They did not denounce other faiths. They simply proclaimed Jesus with all the power and persuasiveness at their disposal.”

MICHAEL GREEN

Author, **30 Years to Change the World**



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2. Theirs was a pluralistic/multi-faith context...just like ours.
3. They met a wall of rejection...just like we will.



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