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A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS



Acts 1:1

“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 to heaven.”

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“The book of Acts is not just the acts of the apostles; it is the acts of the risen, living, enthroned Jesus who continues to do and teach through people like you and me.

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11 From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace and the next day we went on to Neapolis.



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¹² From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.



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13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.

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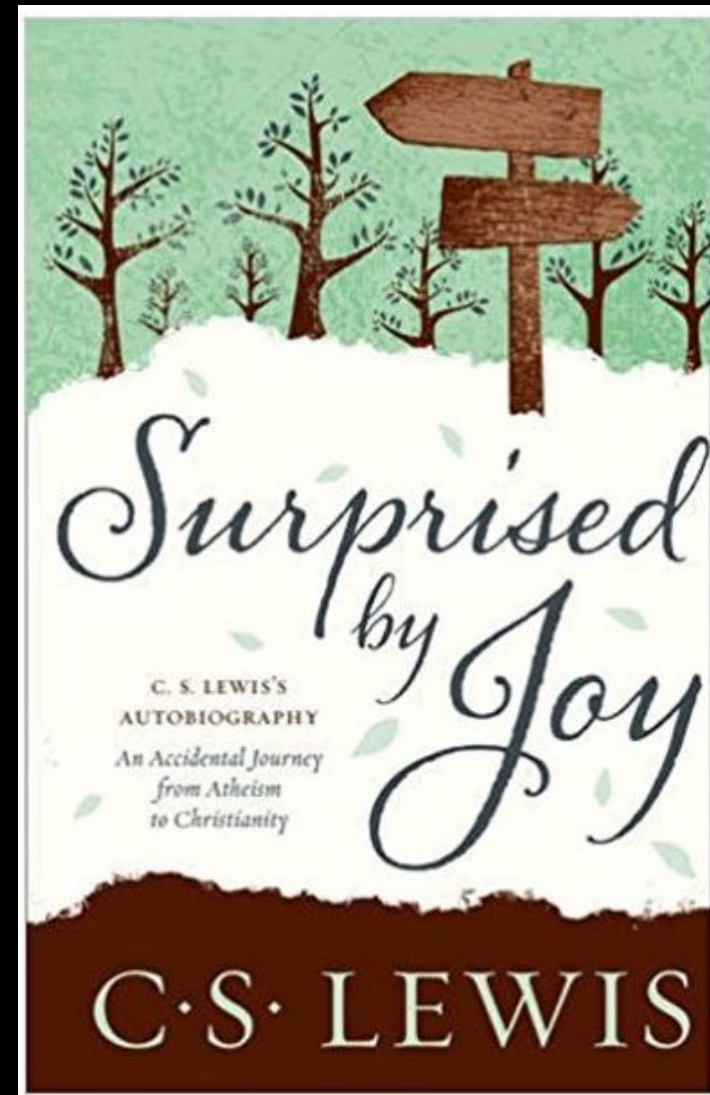
14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

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Transcendental Interferer



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1 Corinthians 3:6:

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."

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Acts 16:16-18

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days.

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Mark 1:23–24

“Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!”

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The Devil Goes To Church

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Finally, Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her.

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“It would be the equivalent of a football coach who designs plays to advance the ball, while never taking into account the presence of an opposing team.”

~Joel Southerland



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19 When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. 20 They brought them before the magistrates and said, "These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar 21 by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice."

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22 The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. 23 After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. 24 When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.

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28 But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

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29 The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas.

30 He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

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34 The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

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