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THE UNSTOPPABLE GOSPEL

ACTS 0-1:1-3

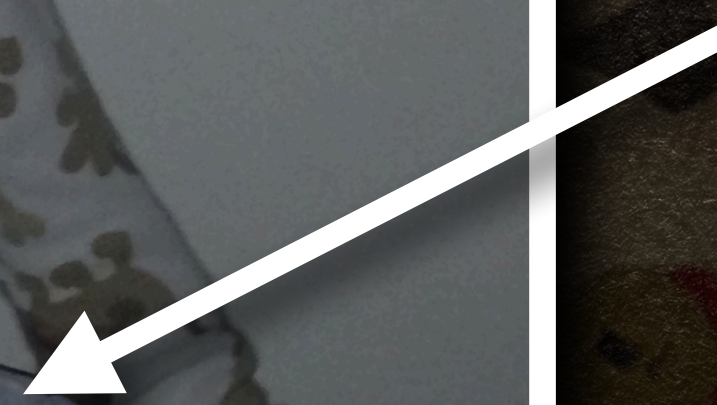


1 THE FORMER ACCOUNT I MADE, O THEOPHILLUS, OF ALL THAT JESUS BEGAN BOTH TO DO AND TEACH, **2** UNTIL THE DAY IN WHICH HE WAS TAKEN UP, AFTER HE THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT HAD GIVEN COMMANDMENTS TO THE APOSTLES WHOM HE HAD CHOSEN, **3** TO WHOM HE ALSO PRESENTED HIMSELF ALIVE AFTER HIS SUFFERING BY MANY [B]INFALLIBLE PROOFS, BEING SEEN BY THEM DURING FORTY DAYS AND SPEAKING OF THE THINGS PERTAINING TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

ACTS 1:1-3



LIAM



- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
- FROM THE SAME AUTHOR: **LUKE**
- A TRAVELING CO-WORKER WITH **PAUL** (COLOSSIANS 4:14, PHILEMON 24)

LUKE ACTS

"I produced my **FIRST ACCOUNT** about all the things Jesus **BEGAN** to do & teach."

IMPLICATION: **ACTS** = WHAT JESUS "CONTINUED" TO DO & TEACH

TRADITIONAL NAME: **The Acts of the Apostles**
A MORE ACCURATE NAME:

The ACTS of Jesus & the SPIRIT

LUKE-ACTS

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM CAME ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN THROUGH JESUS & HIS SPIRIT & HIS CHURCH

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO KING JESUS:

- SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD & ACTION
- FORMING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EQUALS
- TRUSTING IN THE POWER & GUIDANCE OF THE **SPIRIT**

1 INTRODUCTION

KINGDOM OF GOD:

- Jesus restores God's kingdom over the world
- Called Israel to follow him
- enthroned as king through his death & resurrection

PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT:

- fulfills prophetic hope (ISAIAH 32, EZEKIEL 36, JOEL 2)
- new **TEMPLE** in the messianic kingdom filled with God's presence

"YOU'LL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, JUDEA & SAMARIA, and to the ENDS OF THE EARTH." (1:8)

JESUS IS EXALTED AS KING OF THE WORLD

FROM: DANIEL ch. 7

JESUS IS ENTHRONED as the SON OF MAN

2-7 IN JERUSALEM

2 PENTECOST

Holy Spirit

GOD'S GLORY = FILLING THE TEMPLE

IN THE PAST: EXODUS 40, 2ND CHRONICLES 7
IN THE FUTURE: EZEKIEL 43, HAGGAI 2

THE NEW TEMPLE IS JESUS' COVENANT FAMILY

ISRAEL REUNIFIED UNDER THE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, EZEKIEL 37)

3-5 A TALE OF TWO TEMPLES

LUKE'S POINT:

THE NEW TEMPLE OF JESUS' COMMUNITY IS NOW WHERE PEOPLE ENCOUNTER GOD'S GENEROSITY & healing presence

A PRACTICE DESCRIBED IN THE TORAH (DEUTERONOMY 14-15) SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGED BY THE TEMPLE

JESUS' FOLLOWERS SELL POSSESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE POOR

3-5a

2-4b PETER HEALS & PREACHES IN THE TEMPLE--ARRESTED & TRIED

5-7 "JESUS' DISCIPLES GATHER DAILY IN THE TEMPLE COURTS & HOUSE TO HOUSE"

6-8-3 FIRST PERSECUTION

STEPHEN

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RESIST GOD'S SPIRIT?

JESUS' FOLLOWERS DRIVEN FROM THE CITY

8-12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

HOW THE MOSTLY JEWISH, JERUSALEM-BASED COMMUNITY OF JESUS... BECAME... A MULTI-ETHNIC, INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

8 PHILIP IN SAMARIA

SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?

9a CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS

9b-11a PETER & CORNELIUS

DON'T CALL IMPURE SOMETHING GOD HAS PURIFIED!

11b THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

BARNABAS & PAUL

FIRST MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH
FIRST USE OF "CHRISTIANS" (11:26)

13-20 THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

13-14 ASIA MINOR

15-18a ASIA MINOR & GREECE

18b-20 ASIA MINOR & GREECE AGAIN!

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

NO WAY!

UNLESS PEOPLE BECOME JEWISH, THEY CAN'T BE SAVED. (15:1)

GOD'S PLAN WAS ALWAYS TO INCLUDE NON-JEWIS IN HIS PEOPLE.

MEMBERSHIP IN JESUS' PEOPLE IS NOT BASED ON ETHNICITY OR TORAH OBSERVANCE, BUT SIMPLY ON TRUSTING & OBEYING JESUS.

THE PARADOX OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

- A JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT... but ethnically diverse
- MEN & WOMEN, RICH & POOR, SLAVE & FREE... all treated as equals
- LOYAL TO JESUS ALONE... but not a military threat to Rome

THE CLASH OF CULTURES (ch. 14, 16-17, 19)

GALLIO

HE'S DANGEROUS TO OUR WAY OF LIFE!

THE RISEN JESUS IS THE ONE TRUE GOD & KING!

ACCUSATIONS OF REBELLION (ch. 17, 18)

HE'S DEFYING CAESAR, SAYING THERE'S ANOTHER KING, JESUS!! (17:7)

21-28 PAUL'S WITNESS SPREADS TO ROME

21-22 PAUL ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

HE TEACHES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE & OUR TEMPLE! (21:28)

HE'S THE TERRORIST FROM EGYPT! (21:38)

ROME

23-26 PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE...

23 THE SANHEDRIN

24 GOVERNOR FELIX

UHHHHH... PASS!

25 GOVERNOR FESTUS

HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

26 KING AGRIPPA

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!

I STAND ON TRIAL BECAUSE OF MY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE SUFFERING MESSIAH. (23:6, 26:23)

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT ALLOWS TIME TO COMPOSE HIS APOSTOLIC LETTERS

28 UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME

TO: COLOSSAE

TO: EPHESUS

TO: PHILIPPI

TO: PHILEMON

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
THROUGH THE APOSTLES.



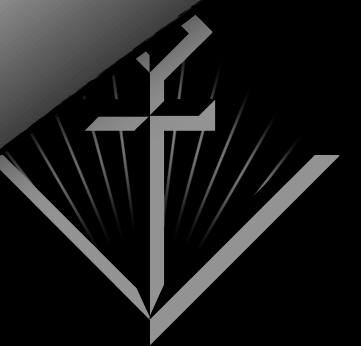
SETTING THE...

DR. LUKE

WORLD ON FIRE



WHAT JESUS BEGAN,
HE/WE WILL FINISH.
DEAL WITH IT.

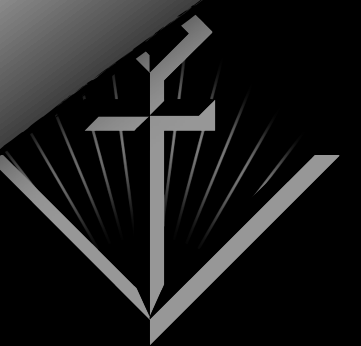


ENDS OF THE EARTH



JUDEA & SAMARIA

RINGS OF FIRE



APPEARING TO THEM ALIVE...

MANY PROOFS



FATAL TORMENT

BIRTH & EXPLOSION



EMPTY TOMB

OF THE CHURCH



APPEARANCES

MULTIPLE INDEPENDENT



TRANSFORMATION OF THE DISCIPLES

CONVERSION OF SKEPTICS

EARLY PROCLAMATION IN JERUSALEM

WOMEN AS FIRST WITNESSES

EARLY RESURRECTION CREED

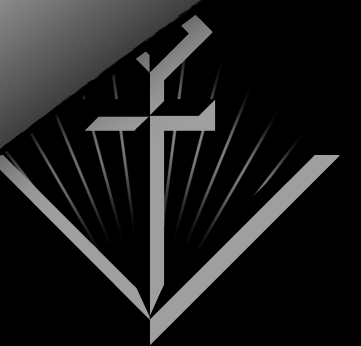


KINGDOM COMING

APPEARED TO MORE THAN 500 AT ONCE...

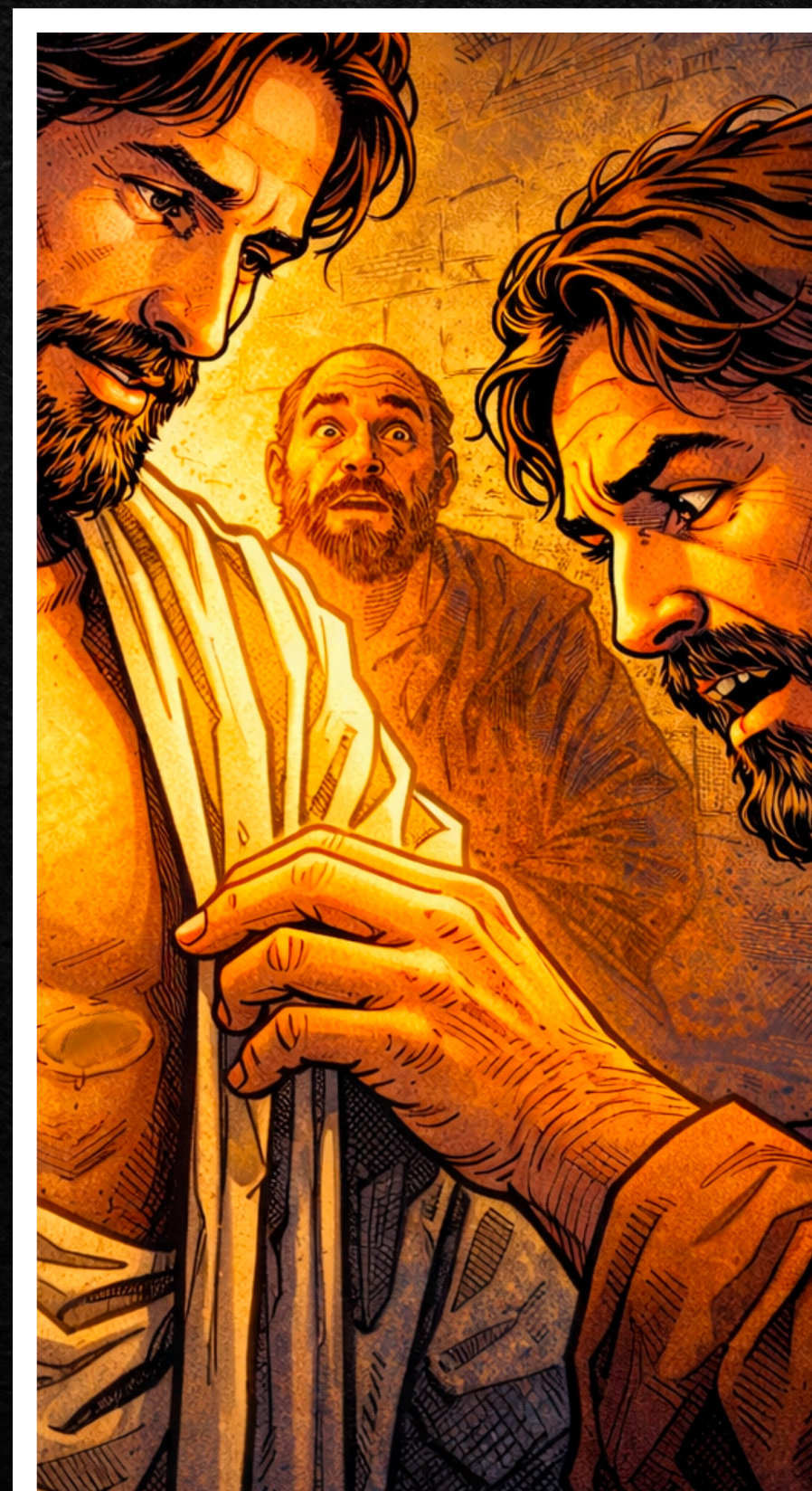


...ON EARTH AS IT
IS IN HEAVEN...

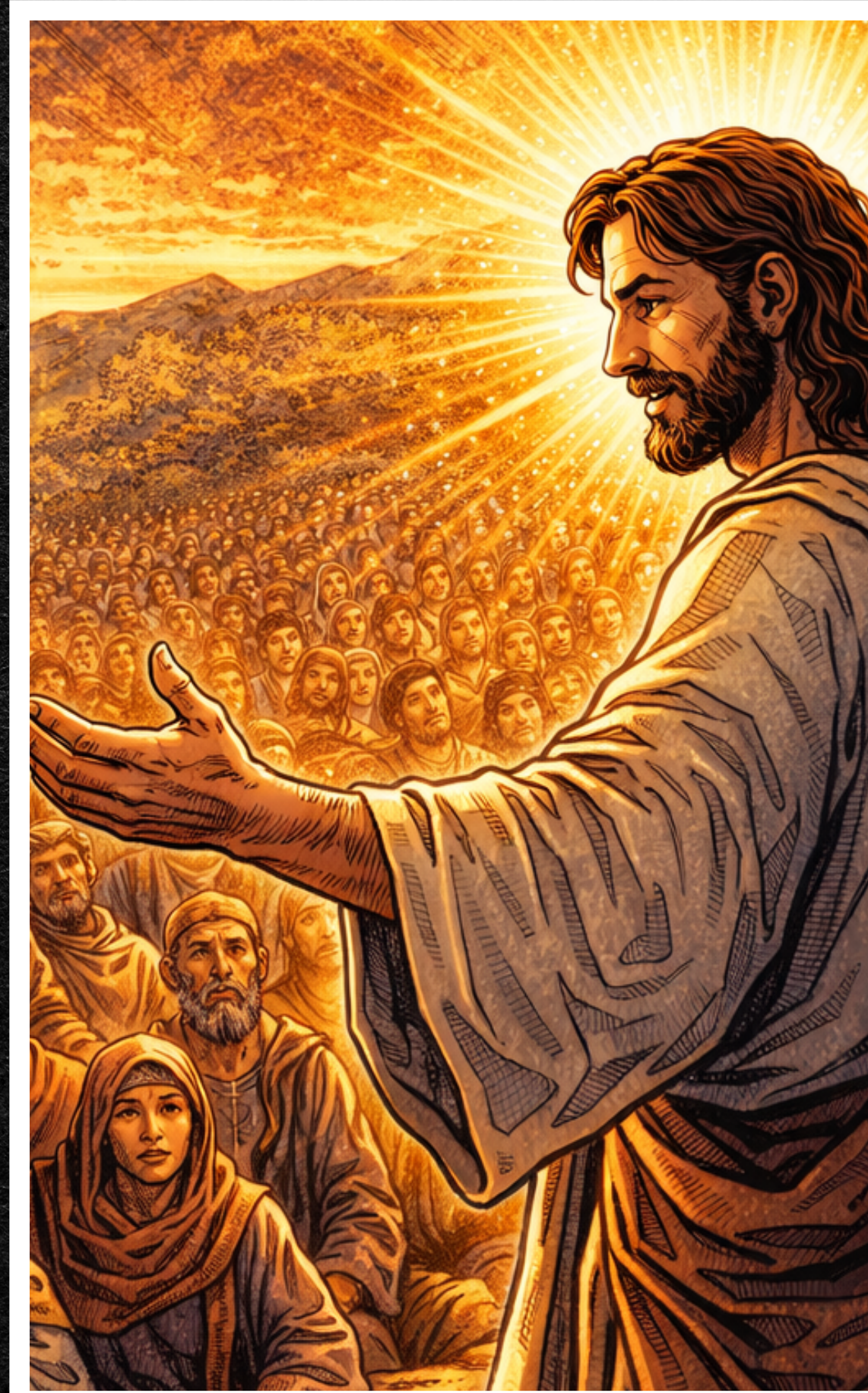




MAY WE BE
ENCOURAGED
BY THE
"MANY
PROOFS"
THAT
VALIDATE OUR
FAITH.



MAY
OUR
SOUL
BE SET
ON FIRE
FOR
GOD'S
WORD.



ONE LIFE
WILL
SOON BE
PAST,
ONLY
WHAT'S
DONE
FOR
CHRIST
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MAY WE
KNOW WE
ARE HERE TO
ADVANCE THE
KINGDOM!





Belief

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TO BE CONTINUED...

WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED

