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Introduction to the book of ACTS.

The book of Acts was written by Luke, the physician (Colossians 4:14), and is addressed to Theophilus. Acts provides a history of the events beginning with the ascension of Jesus to heaven. Acts traces the growth of the church from Jerusalem among the Jews and the spread to non-Jews (Gentiles) in Judea, Samaria...all the way to Rome. They spread the news of the risen Savior in the known world. The leading figures are Peter (Acts: 1-12) and Paul (Acts 13-28). Acts records the acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles.

The book of Acts can have four broad divisions:

- The church in Jerusalem-Telling their story at home (1-7).
- Witnessing and the church in Judea and Samaria (8-12).
- The Church in Gentile Territories (Chapters 13-21)
- Paul's Trials and Voyage to Rome (21-28)

The book mainly records the acts of Peter (1-12) and Paul (Acts 13-28).

WEEK 17: ACTS Chapters 1-6 (Zoom, Monday May 30)

1. a) Why did the disciples replace Judas Iscariot, and how? Quote scripture references.

b) What do you understand by Jesus' statement in Acts 1:8?

2. a) What nations and languages were represented on the day of Pentecost according to Acts 2?

b) What practices did the early church observe according to Acts 2:42?

c) How does your church continue with these practices today?

3. a) Describe the lessons you learn from Peter's answer to the lame beggar who sat at the beautiful gate, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."

Acts 3:6.

b) Why were the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees greatly disturbed to the point of putting Peter and John in custody? Acts 4

4. Discuss the cause of death for Ananias and Sapphira? How does the story apply to our daily life?

5. a) Acts 5:41 says, "So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name." What is your attitude toward suffering for Jesus today?

b) Describe the circumstances that led to choosing the seven deacons in Acts 6:1-6. Did the administrative strategy work, and what lessons can we take from this strategy?

6) Describe some prominent women mentioned in the book of Acts.