

Acts : The Holy Spirit at Work -- Session 1:

The Book of Acts: The Gospel Sequel

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SEQUEL: an event that follows or comes afterward : result. : a book, motion picture, or television program that continues a story begun in a preceding one. www.merriam-webster.com

The opening statement in Acts—“*In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach*” (Acts 1:1)—notifies readers at the outset that Acts is the sequel to the Gospels. -- Wood, G. O. (2010). [*Acts: The Holy Spirit at work in believers*](#)

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In Acts We Find:

- A Great Resource For Understanding Our Spiritual Roots
- “Where We Came From And Where We Are Going”
- The Formation And Decision Making Of The Early Church
- We Must Learn And Study Like The Bereans (Acts 17:11)

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Everything Changed With Christ's Death And Resurrection

- He Prepared And Sent His Disciples A Means To Receive The Ongoing Presence Of His Spirit.
- Our Study Book : The Holy Spirit At Work In Believers.
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- *Acts is a book of action.*
- *Acts is about people*
- *Acts is about the growth of the church.*
- *Above all, Acts is about the Holy Spirit.*



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How Do We Approach Acts?

- *The Name “Acts” Speaks Of “Actions, Deeds, Happening, Transactions, Business*
- *The Great Focus Is On Two Apostles : Peter And Paul*
- *The Holy Spirit Is Mentioned More Than Any Of The Apostles*
- *The Book Records Both The Actions Of The Apostles And The Actions Of The Holy Spirit*

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We Approach Acts By Finding Out Who Wrote Acts?

There are several reasons to believe *Luke wrote Acts.*

- 1. The writer identifies himself as one of those who traveled with Paul*
- 2. The writer of Acts also wrote another book about Jesus*
- 3. Both Luke and Acts are written to the same person, Theophilus*
- 4. The church has always believed that the former book mentioned in Acts 1:1 is Luke's Gospel.*
- 5. Luke and Acts work together as a historical set -- best understood together -- In fact, Luke and Acts are organized alike.*

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The Date of Acts

- Most Bible teachers believe Luke wrote Acts around AD 63
- After Luke wrote the book of Acts – Paul remained in prison in Rome where he wrote the prison epistles: 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus before he died.

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Why Do We Appreciate Acts?

- *Acts Gives Us A History Of The First 30 Years Of The Church.*
- *Acts Traces The Growth Of The Church*
- *Acts Guides Faith And Apologetics*
- *Acts Emphasizes The Holy Spirit For Witnessing*

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How Do We Analyze The Book Of Acts

1. We Can Outline It Geographically

2. We Can Outline It Based On The Ministry Of Peter And Paul

3. We Can Outline It According To Its Great Messages

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THE BOOK OF ACTS:

- *God gave us this book as more than just a history of the early church.*
- *It is a guide for Christian living and for a Spirit-filled church*
- *It clearly reveals what the church must be and do in any generation as it continues Jesus' ministry in the Pentecostal power of the Holy Spirit*

-- The Fire Bible

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1. The book of Acts had no title until

- AD 50.
- AD 150.
- AD 250.
- AD 500.

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2. The book of Acts was written around

AD 63.

AD 70.

AD 75.

AD 83.

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3. The book of Acts serves as a bridge between the

- Old and New Testaments.
- Pauline epistles and the book of Revelation.
- Gospels and Paul's letters.
- Gospels and the pastoral epistles.

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4. The church grew from

- Antioch to Rome.
- Jerusalem to Samaria.
- Samaria to Antioch.
- Jerusalem to Rome.

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5. The church grew in its mission by

- Philip preaching to the Samaritans.
- Philip preaching to the Ethiopian eunuch.
- Peter preaching to Cornelius and his household.
- doing all of the above.

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6. Luke's greatest purpose of the book of Acts was perhaps to

- defend Paul and his ministry.
- show the spread of the gospel.
- emphasize the ministry of the Holy Spirit through believers.
- do all the above.

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7. Luke emphasized the Holy Spirit

30 times.

55 times.

63 times.

75 times.

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8. The book of Acts can be divided into three parts based on Acts

- [1:4.](#)
- [1:8.](#)
- [2:4.](#)
- [2:38.](#)

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9. Acts can be considered in two divisions based upon the ministries of

- Peter and Paul.
- the apostles and Paul.
- Peter and the apostles.
- the early church and Peter

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10. Acts can be organized according to its great messages, including those from

- Peter, James, and Luke.
- Paul, Stephen, and Peter.
- Peter, Paul, and King Agrippa.
- Stephen, Paul, and Luke.