

INTRO TO ACTS

Main Point: Waiting on the Lord!

“Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.”
Acts 1:4

Digging Deeper

Purpose of Acts:

Acts is the connecting tissue between the gospels and the rest of the new testament. It tells the story of the birth of the Church and how Paul came to be an apostle and later writing most of the new testament.

Who is Luke?

We know that he was a physician (Colossians 4:14).

We know that he was a Gentile (from his name).

We know that he was a devoted companion of Paul (from the text of Acts, and Colossians 4:14, Philemon 24, and 2 Timothy 4:11).

Who Was Luke Writing To?

Theophilus: This man might have been a Christian wanting instruction. He might have been a Roman official being briefed by Luke about the history of the Christian movement. Or, the name could be symbolic, because the name Theophilus means “God-lover.” Or “Lover of God”

- i. i. In the introduction to the first volume (Luke 1:3), Luke addresses Theophilus with the title “Most Excellent”, which was a way to address people who held high office.

Theophilus Meaning lover of God: can this book be addressed to you as a lover of God?

Discussion Questions

1. Vs 3 Jesus is seen appearing to his followers for 40 days and speaking of the kingdom of God after the resurrection and before the ascension. Why was this done? What were the many proofs?
2. In the old testament we see that The Holy Spirit was generally reserved for special people like judges and kings of Israel for a specific purpose. What purpose do you think that was?
3. What is the Role of the Holy Spirit for the believer? (John 7:37-39, John 14:26, John 16:8-9, John 13-15,)
4. What is the difference in doing things in your power vs God’s power?
5. Are there things in your life that you are trying to do in your own strength vs God’s?
6. What does it mean to wait for the power of the Lord in your life?