

Keys To Understanding Acts (God's Saving Purpose Accomplished)

Luke 24 - Preamble of Acts

Resurrection (meaning and significance)

Luke 24:5 - "living among the dead"

Luke 24:6 - "has risen"

Luke 24:7 - "on the third day rise"

Luke 24:23 - "he was alive"

Luke 24:34 - "Lord has risen"

Luke 24:46 - "rise from the dead"

Divine Necessity

Luke 24:7 - "the Son of Man **must** be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise."

Luke 24:26 - "Was it not **necessary** that Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:44 - "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms **must** be fulfilled."

Scripture Fulfilled

Luke 24:6 - "Remember what he told you"

Luke 24:27 - "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them all the Scriptures the things concerning himself"

Luke 24:44 - "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled."

Luke 24:45 - "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead."

Kingdom of God (Luke 17:21, 23:51)

Luke 24:21 - "we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel"

Luke 24:26 - "Was it not necessary that Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?"

Luke 24:46 - "repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem"

Repentance

Luke 24:47 - "repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations"

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Witnesses of the Resurrected Lord

Luke 24:48 - "on the third day rise from the dead...You are witness of these things"

Holy Spirit

Luke 24:49 - "promise of my Father...clothed with power from on high" (Promises of the HS to come in the OT (Isaiah 32:15, 44:3; Ezekiel 36:27, 37:14, 39:29; Joel 2:28-29; Jeremiah 31:31-34)

Same Themes in Acts

Resurrection - the climax of God's saving purpose

Acts 2:24-32 - Peter sermon (Acts 2:24, 31, 32) Men of Israel

Acts 3:15 - Peter sermon (Men of Israel)

Acts 4:2 - Peter and John (Temple) Israelites

Acts 4:10 - Peter (Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, all the high-priestly family)

Acts 4:33 - Apostles (Jerusalem)

Acts 5:30-31 Peter (high priest, council, senate)

Acts 10:40-41 Peter (Cornelius a God fearer, his relatives, and close friends)
Gentiles

Acts 13:16-41 - Paul (in the synagogue of Antioch in Pisidia, sons of Abraham, those who fear God) Mixture of Jews and Gentiles (Acts 13:30, 33, 34, 37)

Acts 17:2-3 - Paul (synagogue of the Jews in Thessalonica)

Acts 17:18 - Paul (market place of Athens) Gentiles

Acts 17:31-32 - Paul (Areopagus in Athens) Gentiles

Acts 23:6 - Paul before the chief priest and all the council.

Acts 26:2-23 - Paul (Festus, King Agrippa, Bernice military tribunes and prominent men of the city) Acts 26:8, 22-23)

Acts 28:25 - The HS was right in saying...through Isaiah the prophet

Divine Necessity

Acts 1:16 - "Scripture **had** to be fulfilled"

Acts 1:22 - "one of these men **must** become with us a witness of his resurrection"

Acts 3:20-21 - "whom heaven **must** receive until the time for restoring all things about which God spoke"

Acts 4:12 - "no other name under heaven given among men by which we **must** be saved."

Acts 9:16 - "I will show him how much he **must** suffer for the sake of my name."

Acts 17:2-3 - "on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from Scriptures, explaining and proving that it **was necessary** for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead"

Acts 23:11 - "so you **must** testify also in Rome"

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Scripture Fulfilled

Acts 1:16 - "Scripture...fulfilled"

Acts 3:18 - "God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets...he thus fulfilled"

Acts 2:16 - Joel 2:28-32

Acts 2:25 - Psalm 16:8-11

Acts 2:34 - Psalm 101:1

Acts 4:25 - Psalm 2:1-2

Acts 13:27 - "those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers...did not...understand the utterances of the prophets...fulfilled them by condemning him"

Acts 13:32-35 - "good news that God promised..he has fulfilled to us their children. Psalm 2:7, 16:10

Acts 13:47 - Isa 49:6

Acts 15:15-17 - words of the prophets agree Amos 9:11-12

Acts 26:22-23 - "what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass: that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead."

Acts 28:25-27 - "the HS was right in saying...through Isaiah the prophet Isa 6:9-10

Kingdom of God

Acts 1:3 - Jerusalem

Acts 8:12 - Samaria

Acts 14:22 - Lystra, Iconium and Antioch

Acts 19:8 - Ephesus

Acts 20:25 - Ephesus

Acts 28:23 - Jews in Rome

Acts 28:31 - all who came to Paul in Rome

Repentance

Acts 5:29-32 - A great combination of many of the themes (resurrection, witnesses, HS) of Luke 24 and Acts.

Acts 11:18 - God has granted repentance that leads to life.

Witnesses of the Resurrected Lord

Acts 1:8 - Jesus to the apostles

Acts 1:22 - witness of his resurrection

Acts 2:32 - witness of Jesus the One God raised up

Acts 3:15 - God raised from the dead...we are witnesses

Acts 5:29-32 God of our fathers raised Jesus...we are witnesses

Acts 10:39-43 - God raised him on the third day...but to us...as witnesses

Acts 13:31 - God raised him from the dead...now his witness to the people

Acts 22:14-15 - Paul "to see the Righteous One and hear a voice from his mouth; for you will be a witness for him to everyone what you have seen and heard."

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Holy Spirit

Acts 1:5 - baptized with not many days from now

Acts 1:8 - Receive power when the HS comes upon you

Acts 2:4 - all filled with

Acts 2:33 - Jesus has poured out

Acts 2:38 - Repent and be baptized...receive the HS

Acts 4:8 - Peter filled

Acts 4:31 - Peter, John and their friends filled

Acts 6:5 - Stephen, full of faith and the HS

Acts 8:15-17 - believers in Samaria

Acts 9:17 - Saul filled with the HS

Acts 10:44-47 - Cornelius (God-fearing man), his relatives and close friends
(Gentiles)

Acts 11:15 - HS fell on them (see Acts 10:44-47) just as on us at the beginning

Acts 13:4 - Barnabas and Saul sent out by the HS

Acts 13:9 - Paul filled with the HS

Acts 13:52 - the disciples were full with joy and with the HS (Gentiles)

Acts 16:6 - HS forbid Paul and Silas from speaking the word in Asia

Acts 16:7 - the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them

Acts 19:6 - disciples in Ephesus

Acts 20:22-23 - Paul constrained by the Spirit...HS testifies...imprisonment and afflictions await me

Acts 20:28 - HS made you overseers

Acts 21:1 - Agabus...thus says the HS...Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.

Acts 28:25-27 - The HS spoke through Isaiah