



## **THE ACTS: Birth/Establishment**

### **The book of Acts:**

- The Book of Acts is a sequel to the book of Luke.  
*"In my first book<sup>[a]</sup> I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach." Acts 1:1*

### **The Birth and Establishment of the Church: (Acts: Chapters 1-8)**

#### **1. The explosive birth of the Church**

*"On the day of Pentecost<sup>[a]</sup> all the believers were meeting together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. <sup>4</sup> And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages,<sup>[b]</sup> as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability."*  
Acts 2:1-4

*"They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee,<sup>8</sup> and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!" Acts 2:7-8*

*"Peter replied, 'Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. "Acts 2:38*

#### **2. The people of the church transformed**

*"Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper<sup>[c]</sup>), and to prayer." Acts 2:41-42*

#### **3. The intense persecution of the Church**

*"You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors: You always resist the Holy Spirit!" Acts 7:51*

#### **4. The Great dispersion.**

*"A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria." Acts 8:1*