

0 **Lesson 4: Acts****Unit 1: The Gospels & Acts**

New Testament Survey

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1 **Who Acts?**

1. The Acts of the _____?
 - A. _____, but book originally untitled
 - B. _____ told focus on _____ & _____, not all the Apostles
2. Better title - The Acts of the _____
 - A. _____ by power of Holy _____ (Acts 1:2)
 - B. _____ commanded to _____ in Jerusalem until they _____ the Holy _____ (Acts 1:4-5)
 - C. Only _____ the Holy _____ on the Day of Pentecost did the Apostles _____ (Acts 2)
 - D. _____ to the _____ and power of Holy Spirit _____ in Acts (Acts 1:8, 16; 2:4, 17-18, 33, 38; 4:8, 31; 5:32; 6:5; 7: 51, 55; 8:15-18, 29, 39; 9:17, 31; 10:19, 33, 44, 47; 11:12, 15-16, 24, 28; 13:2-4, 9, 52; 15:8, 28; 16:6, 16, 18; 17:16; 19:2-6, 21; 20:22, 28; 21:4, 11; 28:25)
 - E. The _____ of Acts is to _____ the _____ of the _____ in the life of the Church.

2 **Background**

1. _____
 - A. Author _____, but like Gospel of Luke written to Theophilus (Acts 1:1; Lk. 1:1)
 - B. “_____” _____ indicate author was a _____ of Paul (Acts 16:10-17; 20:5 – 21:26; 27:1- 28:16; Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11).
 - C. Church tradition & earliest leaders all state _____ was the writer.
 - D. _____ is the most likely _____

2. _____
- A. Is the _____ the _____ immediately after Jesus returned to heaven.
- B. Traces the _____ the _____
- C. Serves as a _____ the _____ and the _____
- 1) The Gospels record the life and teachings of Jesus
 - 2) Acts tells of the ongoing work of Jesus through the Holy Spirit in His people
 - 3) The Epistles apply Jesus' teachings to specific people in specific places

3 Background

3. _____
- A. Acts closes with Paul in Rome in prison - 60-62 AD.
- B. The destruction of Jerusalem is not mentioned (70 AD).
- C. Most think Acts written between _____, near the close of the book.
4. _____ - To _____ the _____ of the _____ and the _____ the _____ from Jerusalem to "the remotest part of the earth" (= Rome).

4 Approaches to Outlining Acts

1. _____
- A. _____ (Acts 1-12)
- B. _____ (Acts 13-28)
2. _____ - Acts 1:8
- Acts 1:8 - "you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."*
- A. _____ & Judea (Acts 1-7)
- B. _____ & _____ (Acts 8-10)
- C. The _____ of the _____ (Acts 11-28)
3. _____ - _____
- A. There are 7 panels (1:1 - 2:47; 3:1 - 6:7; 6:8 - 9:31; 9:32 -

12:24; 12:25 - 16:5; 16:6 - 19:20; 19:1 - 28:30).

- B. Each ends with a statement about spiritual joy and God adding people to the church.

5 **Emphases on the Spirit's Ministry**

1. Luke/ _____
 - A. _____ the Holy _____
 - B. Specifically, the Holy _____ God's people to serve as Jesus' _____, He grants _____, and provides _____.
2. _____
 - A. _____ - Major focus, draws people to Jesus
 - B. Service - grants signs and wonders
3. _____
 - A. Salvation
 - B. Service
 - C. _____ - enables believers to become _____.

6 **Review #1**

1. The best title for Acts is "The Acts of ..."
2. The main purpose of Acts is to emphasize the
3. What book traces the history and growth of the early church?
4. Who wrote Acts?
5. Acts is

7 **Review #1**

6. Acts serves as a bridge between the
- 7.
7. Which verse gives an outline for Acts?
- 8.

8. The main character in Acts 1-12 is
- 9.
9. Luke emphasizes the Holy Spirit's role of
- 10.
10. The spread of the gospel in Judea & Samaria is described in Acts

8 Church Expansion in Acts

1. Jesus commanded the Apostles to _____ beyond Jerusalem _____ (Acts. 1:8).
 - A. But the believers did not leave Jerusalem (1-7).
 - B. They _____ scattered them (8:1 ff).
 - 1) The Apostles remained in Jerusalem (8:1).
 - 2) The Hellenistic Jews that lived in other areas of the Roman Empire were the ones that began witnessing to Samaritans (8:4-24) and Gentiles (11:19-30).
 - C. Peter did reluctantly go to the Roman centurion, Cornelius (10).
2. The _____ from Jerusalem
 - A. _____ (8)
 - B. _____ to the first _____ - _____ (10)
 - C. To Gentiles in _____ (11:19 ff)
 - D. At the _____ the gospel goes to _____ (28:16-31)

9 Church Expansion in Acts

3. The _____ of Acts
 - A. _____ the _____ in Jerusalem
 - B. The _____ in _____
 - 1) Antioch a cesspool of a city
 - 2) Mixed races did not mix with one another
 - 3) The church was mixed race (13:1)
 - 4) _____ / _____ guided by the Holy Spirit (13:1-2)
 - 5) _____ here, because of needing

_____ a way of describing this _____

10 Sharing the Gospel in Acts

1. Healing & _____ were _____ to _____ the _____ (2:14ff; 3:11ff; 14:11ff; etc.)
2. Peter and _____ always began with OT Scripture and _____ the _____ when _____ (2:17ff; 13:16ff; etc.).
3. When _____, Paul began by talking about _____ their _____ that _____ them to the _____ (17:22-31).
4. _____ to the Gospel
 - A. _____ and salvation
 - B. _____ and disregard the message
 - C. _____ - normally by those who felt they had something to lose (power, profit, prestige, etc.).

11 Other People in Acts

- Although Peter and Paul are the main individuals focused on in Acts, many _____ are mentioned and used of the Lord.
 - A. The _____ - especially _____ & _____
 - B. _____ - who prayed for Paul's sight
 - C. _____ - the most important "minor player" in Acts
 - 1) He s_____ and gave it to the needy (4:36-37)
 - 2) He _____ to the Apostles (9:27)
 - 3) A primary _____ (11:22)
 - 4) He _____ & was first to use him in ministry (11:30)
 - 5) He _____ when Paul gave up on him (15:36-37)
 - D. Priscilla & Aquila, Apollos, and many others

12 **Review #2**

1. Persecution caused the church to do what?
- 2.
- 2.
2. Who sold property to the needy and mentored Paul?
- 3.
3. When Paul minister to Jews he started with
- 4.
- 4.
4. The gospel spread first from Jerusalem to

13 **The First _____**

1. Was _____ the Holy _____ (13:1-2).
2. This was the shortest and “nearest to home” of the missionary journeys.
3. Took the gospel _____ a region called _____
4. Caused the _____ of whether Gentile’s needed to be _____ (15:1-2).
 - A. Jerusalem Council (15)
 - B. Galatians written to address this issue.

14 **The Region of Galatia**

15 **Highlights of the 1st Missionary Journey**

1. Island of _____ (13:4-12)
 - A. _____ (Bar-Jesus) the _____ blinded by Paul
 - B. Proconsul Sergius Paulus won to Jesus
2. _____ in Pamphylia (13:13)
 - A. Just on the main land
 - B. _____ Barnabas & Paul
3. Psidian Antioch - Paul preaches in the synagogue (13:14-52)
4. _____ (14:8-20)
 - A. Paul _____
 - B. Barnabas and Paul worshipped as Greek gods
 - C. _____

16 **The _____ Missionary _____**

1. _____ & _____ had _____ (15:37-39).
2. Paul takes _____ as a _____ (15:40) & added Timothy (16:1-3)
3. Paul _____ the _____ in Galatia (15:36, 41; 16:1-5).
4. Went into Province of Asia in _____ (16:6)
 - A. Current day _____
 - B. Location of the _____ of _____
5. By the _____ of the Holy _____ he and his team _____ Macedonia and _____ (16:9-13).

17 **Highlights of the 2nd Missionary Journey**

1. _____ (16:1-8)
 - A. _____ vision
 - B. God's guidance and idea of a joke - Paul can go in no other direction!
2. _____ (16:11-40)
 - A. Lydia the seller of purple cloth is saved
 - B. _____ delivered
 - C. _____ & Silas _____
 - D. God's prison break via earthquake; jailer saved
3. Thessalonica - Paul driven out of the city by a mob (17:1-9)
4. _____ - _____ to see if Paul was right about Christ (17:10-15).

18 **Highlights of the 2nd Missionary Journey**

5. _____ (17:16-34)
 - A. _____ the place, including one marked "to the unknown god."
 - B. Paul preaching in market place leads to his being brought to the Areopagus on _____ to be tried for his preaching.
 - C. Timothy & Silas rejoin Paul, then return to other churches.
6. _____ (1-18)
 - A. Paul meets Priscilla & Aquilla and joins them as tent makers.
 - B. _____ told by God in _____ to _____

- C. He stays for 18 months
 - D. Proconsul Gallio refuses to try Paul & allows Sosthenes to be beaten by mob.
7. Cenchrea (18:18) - Paul fulfills his vow & shaves his head.
 8. _____ (18:19-21)
 - A. Priscilla & Aquilla travel with Paul and stay in Ephesus
 - B. Paul returns to Antioch

19 **The Third Missionary Journey**

1. Paul's _____ missionary _____ involved _____ many of the _____ he established.
2. He spent _____ in _____ on this trip (19).
3. He went back and forth in Greece revisiting churches there (20:1-16).

20 **Highlights of the 3rd Missionary Journey**

1. _____ (18:19-21)
 - A. Priscilla & Aquilla travel with Paul
 - B. _____
 - C. 7 sons of Sceva, _____, try to use Jesus' name to cast out demons and are beaten and stripped by the demonized man.
 - D. _____
 - E. Paul 2 years and three month in Ephesus.
2. Greece/Achia (20:1-6) - Jews plot to kill Paul
3. Troas (20:7-12) - Eutychus falls from window while Paul preached
4. Miletus (20:13-28) - Paul's farewell speech to the Ephesian elders
5. _____ (21:3-6) - _____ for Paul
_____ to _____

21 **Highlights of the 3rd Missionary Journey**

6. _____ (21:8-14)
 - A. Paul stay with Philip (the deacon & evangelist)
 - B. Prophet _____ of Paul's _____ in Jerusalem
7. _____

- A. Paul reports to church leaders
 - B. _____ coming out of the temple & _____ by Roman soldiers
 - C. Paul eventually taken to Caesarea for his safety
8. Caesarea
- A. _____ in _____
 - B. _____ before Felix, Festus, & Agrippa.
 - C. _____ and sent to Rome

22 **The Voyage to Rome (27-28)**

1. Paul allowed a good deal of freedom while prisoner.
2. Ship had trouble making Crete.
 - A. Tried to harbor at a different port in Crete.
 - B. _____ a _____ and driven out to sea.
 - C. Fear of shipwrecking on shoals of Syrtis.
3. _____
 - A. Paul _____, but does not die.
 - B. Does miracles, including healing a leaders father.
 - C. Remains for 3 months
4. Arrives _____
 - A. Says in his own _____ under guard.
 - B. Continued to _____

23 **Review #3**

1. What was the main region region of ministry during the first missionary journey?
2. Who deserted the missionary team in Perga during the first missionary journey?
3. What happened in Troas during the 2nd Missionary journey?
4. What happened in Philippi during the 2nd Missionary journey?

24 **Review #3**

5. What city did Paul spend two years in during his third missionary journey?
6. Which of the following did NOT occur in Ephesus?
7. Which of the following did Paul NOT stand trial before while imprisoned in Caesarea?
8. What island did Paul shipwreck on during his voyage to Rome?

25 _____ in Acts

1. This is a _____ in Acts
 - A. Acts is about the _____ the _____ in _____ the _____.
 - B. It is also about the work of the Spirit _____ that accompanied the spread of the gospel.
2. Examples of _____ & its resolution
 - A. Neglect of the _____ (6:1-7)
 - B. The Gospel in _____ (8:4-17)
 - C. _____, the _____ (10:1 - 11:18)
 - 1) Peter's rooftop vision (10:1-23)
 - 2) Peter's first statement to Cornelius (10:28-29)
 - 3) Peter's response to Cornelius & his people being baptized in the Spirit (10:44-48).
 - 4) The response of the church in Jerusalem (11:1-18)
 - D. The church in _____ - _____, called Christians (11:19-26)
 - E. The _____ (15)

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