

The Acts of the Apostles

Acts is the second volume of a two-volume writing, the first volume being the Gospel of Luke. Both are addressed to Theophilus (“lover of God”). The theme of Acts is that the gospel account, “what Jesus began to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), is joined to the acts of the first apostles, what Jesus continued to do and teach. That theme is best summarized in Acts 1:8: “You shall be my witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” That is, in effect, an outline of the book of Acts.

Ch 1 Jesus Leaves the Apostles

What do verses 7 and 8 tell us about our mission?

What do you think of the disciples’ method of choosing the new apostle?

Ch 2 The Pentacost & Peter’s Sermon

In what ways does the account of the Pentacost apply to us?

Vs.13 shows how those who did not believe tried to attack this amazing event with an earthly explanation. How do you respond to such reasoning? How do you know?

What in Peter’s Sermon (vs 14-36) can you draw from in the way you speak to the unbeliever about the Gospel?

Does v.38 teach that baptism is necessary for salvation?

Ch 3 Early Acts of the Apostles

Was the lame man in v.2 expecting to be healed? What do you take from that answer?

In v.8-12 How does the lame man react? How does the crowd react?

In v.13-26 How does Peter’s second sermon use the healing of the lame man to witness to the people?

Again, in what ways does this sermon provide an example for us to follow in witnessing to the lost?

Ch 4 Peter and John’s Arrest/ Sharing Among the Believers

In v.1-4 what was the main issue that upset the Sadducees in Peter and John's preaching? (Mark 12:18)

Read v.18,19. Is similar boldness appropriate in all circumstances? Why or why not?

Read the believers’ prayer in verses 24-30. What aspects of it do you notice that we should imitate?

What passages did you highlight or underline this week?