

The 6 conclusions of the Book of Acts

- Acts 6:7 So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.
- Acts 9:31 Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.



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- Acts 12:24 But the word of God continued to spread and flourish.
- Acts 16:5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers.
- Acts 19: 20 In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.
- Acts 28:31 He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance.



BIBLE READING PLAN

WEEK 1 28 Feb - 6 March	Acts 1
WEEK 2 7 March - 13 March	Acts 2
WEEK 3 14 March - 20 March	Acts 3 - 4:31
WEEK 4 21 March - 27 March	Acts 4:32 - 5:16
WEEK 5 28 March - 3 April	Acts 5:17 - 6:7





Author: Luke

Luke 1

¹ Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the word. 3 With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, 4 so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.



A.N. Sherwin-White, an expert in Graeco-Roman history from Oxford, wrote about Acts:

The historical framework is exact. In terms of time and place the details are precise and correct... As documents these narratives belong to the same historical series as the record of provincial and imperial trials in epigraphical and literary sources of the first and early second centuries AD... For Acts the confirmation of historicity is overwhelming



Acts 1 ¹ In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave **many convincing proofs that he was alive**. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and **spoke about the kingdom of God**.

Post Resurrection:

- Jesus comforted the disciples
- Jesus showed the Disciples who He is from the Scriptures
- Jesus focused on the Great Commission

From JESUS SAVES to JESUS SENDS



⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.

⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."



⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. 11 "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.



Acts 1:15-26 The Choosing Of Matthias

Acts 1 and Acts 2 is about a certain Paradigm Shift that Jesus is helping the disciples to make:

- 1. Purpose
- 2. Power
- 3. People / Community



Application Questions

- 1. Share a story when you experienced a "paradigm shift" in your life.
- 2. "From Jesus Saves to Jesus Sends"
 - where do you see yourself in this statement?
- 3. How do you constantly keep yourself FILLED with the Holy Spirit?

