



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



## **LET US PRAY**

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN.



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# WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

1. Overview
2. You will be my witnesses (Acts 1-1.26)
3. Pentecost (Acts 2:1-47)
4. Growing Witness and Opposition (Acts 3-5.42)
5. Stephen (Acts 6-7.60)
6. Saul (Acts 8-9.31)

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7. The Gospel to the Gentiles (Acts 9.32-12.25)
8. Paul and Barnabas are sent (Acts 13.1-14.28)
9. The Jerusalem Council (Acts 15.1-35)
10. Paul's 2nd and 3rd Missionary Journeys (Acts 15.36-21.16)
11. The Gospel Goes to Rome (Acts 21.17-28.31)
12. Summary and Conclusion



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# SOURCES

- The Gospel Coalition - *Knowing the Bible* - ACTS  
Justin S Holcomb (TGC)
- *Conversations with Scripture: Acts of the Apostles*  
C K Robertson
- *The Bible Project*



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Part 1 of 2



# Acts





# THE JOURNEYS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE, c.46-63 CE



- The Roman Empire, c.50 CE
- Client states / Dependencies
- Provincial Capital/ State Capital
- Notable city
- Settlement mentioned in *The Acts of the Apostles*
- First Journey (from Antioch, 46-48 CE)
- Second Journey (from Antioch, 49-52 CE)
- Third Journey (from Antioch, 53-57 CE)
- Journey to Rome (from Jerusalem, 60-63 CE)

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# SOME TERMS & DEFINITIONS

How would you define the Gospel?

“A common translation for a Greek word meaning “good news,” that is, the good news of Jesus Christ and the salvation he made possible by his crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Gospel with an initial capital letter refers to each of the biblical accounts of Jesus’ life on earth (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).” (TGC )



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## Preach the Gospel?

The preaching of Jesus' death and resurrection is central in Acts. The Greek verb “preach the gospel” (euangelizo) occurs more often in this book than in any other in the New Testament. About a third of the book of Acts consists of speeches, and most of these are speeches of Peter or Paul proclaiming the gospel. The good news of the salvation accomplished in Christ and applied by the Holy Spirit extends to the “ends of the earth” through preaching. (TGC)



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## Mission of God – Missio Dei?

God's plan of redemption for all of creation, initiated at the beginning and culminating in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost. The mission of God is God's work to reconcile the world to Godself through Jesus Christ by lavishly offering grace to all people. (TGC)



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# PLACING ACTS IN THE LARGER STORY





## KEY VERSE

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth”

(Acts 1:8).



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# DATES AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

- Acts Part II
- Authored by Luke (companion of Paul) “by race an Antiochian and a physician by profession;” (Col 4.14)
- 62 CE (AD) (before Paul’s execution)



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# NEXT WEEK

Week 2: You Will Be My Witnesses (Acts 1:1–26)



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