

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## I THE ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN JERUSALEM Acts 1-7

### LESSON 1 ~ The Faith of the First Christians ~ Acts 1

#### KEY VERSE

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth (Acts 1:8).*

#### PONDER<sup>1</sup>

READ Acts Chapter 1.

WRITE the *word, phrase, or verse* that spoke to you the most. Explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### INTRODUCTION

Luke is the author of the Book of Acts and the Gospel of Luke, his former account<sup>2</sup> of the life of Christ. The Book of Acts is his continuing account of the work of Christ through the Holy Spirit in the church.

READ Acts 1:1-3.

1. Why was Luke compelled to write the two accounts, the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts (Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-3)?

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2. How did Jesus demonstrate many infallible proofs <sup>4</sup> to the Apostles (Acts 1:1-3, 9-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> PONDER: think about and consider carefully God's spiritual truths as revealed in the Word of God.

<sup>2</sup> former account - Greek *logos*: word, treatise, speech; set discourse written beforehand.

<sup>3</sup> Theophilus - Greek *God lover*: it is generally assumed that he was a Roman official of high rank; referred to as most excellent in Luke 1:1.

<sup>4</sup> infallible proofs - Greek *Tekmeriois*: miracles, convincing proofs, evidence that removes all doubt.

**LOOK DEEPER**

READ Luke Chapter 24. What infallible proofs are recorded?

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**PERSONAL**

What do these infallible proofs of Christ's resurrection mean to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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**THE HOLY SPIRIT PROMISED**

READ Acts 1:4-8.

1. What did Jesus command the disciples<sup>5</sup> to do (v. 4)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why (v. 5)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What did the disciples ask Jesus when they came together (v. 6)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How did He redirect their thinking (vv. 7, 8a)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>5</sup> disciples - Greek *adelphos* : brethren, believers, followers of Christ.

<sup>6</sup> Promise of the Father: coming of the Holy Spirit.

<sup>7</sup> baptized - Greek *baptizo* : to immerse, submerge, to make overwhelmed; symbolic of the death of the old nature and our new life in Christ; identifying with Christ in His death and resurrection.

5. What would the Holy Spirit coming upon<sup>8</sup> the disciples enable them to do (v. 8b)? \_\_\_\_\_<sup>9</sup>

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### PERSONAL

Has the Holy Spirit come upon you? \_\_\_\_\_

If not, ask Him to do so right now.

### JESUS ASCENDS TO HEAVEN

READ Acts 1:9-11 and Luke 24:50-53.

Through Jesus' ascension He gave the Apostles full understanding of His deity.

1. DESCRIBE the ascension of Jesus into heaven (Acts 1:9, 10a, Luke 24:50-52). \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did the two men in white apparel<sup>10</sup> say (Acts 1:10b-11)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was the disciples' immediate reaction (Luke 24:52, 53)? \_\_\_\_\_

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### THE UPPER ROOM

READ Acts 1:12-14.

1. Who was in the upper room<sup>11</sup> (vv. 13, 14)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>8</sup> upon - Greek *epi*: overflowing. The Holy Spirit is with - Greek *para* - the unbeliever for conviction; comes in - Greek *en* - the believer at conversion; comes upon - Greek *epi* - the believer to empower him for service (see John 14:16, 17).

<sup>9</sup> power - Greek *dunamis*: miraculous, worker of miracles, strength, might, and wonderful works.

<sup>10</sup> two men in white apparel: angelic beings.

<sup>11</sup> upper room: a place for prayer and supplication with believers.

What were they doing? \_\_\_\_\_ 12

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### MATTHIAS CHOSEN

READ Acts 1:15-26.

1. How many disciples gathered with Peter (v. 15)? \_\_\_\_\_

The Holy Spirit led Peter through an Old Testament Scripture of David in Psalm 109:8, to choose another Apostle in place of Judas who betrayed Christ.

2. Who was Judas Iscariot (vv. 16b-17)? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. DESCRIBE the final scene in his life (vv. 16-19). \_\_\_\_\_

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4. RECORD David's prophecies<sup>13</sup> from the Book of Psalms concerning Judas (v. 20).

Psalm 69:25 \_\_\_\_\_ 14

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Psalm 109:8 \_\_\_\_\_ 15

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5. What were the criteria for the selection of the new Apostle (vv. 21, 22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Which two disciples were proposed for Apostleship (v. 23)? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What was the disciples' prayer (vv. 24, 25)? \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>12</sup> one accord: one purpose, one mind in unity for the salvation of souls.

<sup>13</sup> prophecies: Word of God foretelling a future event.

<sup>14</sup> desolate: deserted, barren, uninhabited.

<sup>15</sup> office - Greek *episkopen* : position of overseer.

8. How was Matthias chosen (v. 26)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**PERSONAL**

What spoke most strongly to you from this chapter? \_\_\_\_\_

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How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

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WRITE out the KEY VERSE \_\_\_\_\_

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*And they continued steadfastly  
in the Apostles Doctrine and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.  
Acts 2:42*

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<sup>16</sup> lots: Old Testament, God approved practice to determine a course of direction.





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