

- A UNIFIED, TWO-VOLUME WORK
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1 I produced my first account about all the things Jesus began to do & teach.

IMPLICATION: ACTS
WHAT JESUS CONTINUED TO DO & TEACH

TRADITIONAL NAME:
The Acts of the Apostles
A MORE ACCURATE NAME:

The ACTS of Jesus & the SPIRIT

LUKE ACTS

1 INTRODUCTION

KINGDOM OF GOD:

- Jesus restores God's Kingdom over the world
- Called Israel to follow him
- enthroned as King through his death & resurrection

PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT:

- fulfills prophetic hope (ISAIAH 32, EZEKIEL 36, 37:12)
- NEW TEMPLE in the messianic kingdom filled with God's presence (1:8)

"YOU'LL BE MY WITNESSES JERUSALEM, JUDEA & SAMARIA, and to the ENDS OF THE EARTH."

JESUS IS EXALTED AS KING OF THE WORLD

FROM DANIEL ch 7

JESUS IS ENTHRONED AS KING SON OF MAN

2-7 IN JERUSALEM

2 PENTECOST

JOY SPIRIT

GOD'S GLORY = FILLING THE TEMPLE

IN THE PAST: EXODUS 40, 2ND CHRONICLES 7

IN THE FUTURE: EZEKIEL 43, HAGGAI 2

THE NEW TEMPLE IS JESUS' NEW COVENANT FAMILY

3-5 A TALE OF TWO TEMPLES

LUKE'S POINT:

THE NEW TEMPLE OF JESUS' COMMUNITY IS NOW WHERE PEOPLE ENCOUNTER GOD'S GENEROSITY & HEALING PRESENCE

A PRACTICE DESCRIBED IN THE TORAH (DEUTERONOMY 11-15) SUPPOSED TO BE MANAGED BY THE TEMPLE

JESUS' FOLLOWERS SELL POSSESSIONS TO SUPPORT THE POOR

6-7 PETER HEALS & PREACHES IN THE TEMPLE—ARRESTED & TRIED

JESUS' DISCIPLES GATHER DAILY IN THE TEMPLE COURTS & HOUSE TO HOUSE

ISRAEL REUNIFIED UNDER THE MESSIANIC KING (ISAIAH 11, EZEKIEL 37)

6-7 FIRST PERSECUTION

STEPHEN

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS RESIST GOD'S SPIRIT?

JESUS FOLLOWERS DRIVEN FROM THE CITY

8-12 JUDEA & SAMARIA

HOW THE MOSTLY JEWISH, JERUSALEM-BASED COMMUNITY OF JESUS... BECAME... A MULTI-ETHNIC, INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

9 PHILIP IN SAMARIA

10 CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSAUS

11 PETER & CORNELIUS

12 THE CHURCH IN ANTIOCH

BARBARAS & PAUL

...FIRST MULTI-ETHNIC CHURCH

...FIRST USE OF "CHRISTIANS" (11:26)

13-20 THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

13-14 ASIA MINOR

15 THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL

16-18a ASIA MINOR & GREECE

18b-20 ASIA MINOR & GREECE AGAIN!

CONTINUED MISSION TO ISRAEL

JESUS IS KING OF ISRAEL AND THE NATIONS

HE OPPOSES THE TORAH!

THE PARADOX OF THE EARLY CHURCH:

A JEWISH MESSIANIC MOVEMENT... but ethnically diverse

- MEN & WOMEN, RICH & POOR, SLAVE & FREE... all treated as equals

- LOYAL TO JESUS ALONE... but not a military threat to Rome

THE CLASH OF CULTURES (ch. 14, 16-17, 19)

THE RISEN JESUS IS THE ONE TRUE GOD & KING!

HE'S IMMUNE TO OUR LAWS OF LIFE!

HE'S DEIFYING LINCOLN, SAYING THERE'S NOTHING KING JESUS CAN DO

ACCUSATIONS OF REBELLION (ch. 17, 18)

LUKE-ACTS

HOW GOD'S KINGDOM CAME ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN THROUGH JESUS & HIS SPIRIT & HIS CHURCH

EXAMPLES OF FAITHFULNESS TO KING JESUS:

- SHARING THE GOOD NEWS IN WORD & ACTION
- FORMING DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE EQUALS
- TRUSTING IN THE POWER & GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT

21-28 PAUL'S WITNESS SPREADS TO ROME

21-22 PAUL ARRESTED IN JERUSALEM

HE TEACHES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE & OUR TEMPLE! (21:28)

HE'S THE TERRORIST FROM GRIFFIT! (21:36)

ROME

23-26 PAUL ON TRIAL BEFORE...

24 GOVERNOR FELIX

25 GOVERNOR FESTUS

26 KING AGRIPPA

23 THE SANHEDRIN

HE'S OUT OF HIS MIND!

HE'S DONE NOTHING WORTHY OF DEATH!

RID THE EARTH OF HIM!!!

I STAND ON TRIAL BECAUSE OF MY HOPE IN THE RESURRECTION OF THE SUFFERING MESSIAH! (23:6, 24:13)

PAUL'S IMPRISONMENT ALLOWS TIME TO COMPOSE HIS APOSTOLIC LETTERS

28 UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN ROME

TO COLOSSAE

TO EPHEBUS

TO PHILIPPI

PAUL ANNOUNCED THE KINGDOM OF GOD, BOLDLY TEACHING ALL ABOUT THE LORD JESUS, THE MESSIAH, "TOTALLY UNHINDERED." (28:31)