

### **Aquifer Open Study Notes (Book Intro Summaries)**

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### **Acts**

The Book of Acts

#### *Purpose*

To describe the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ and the formation of the church from Jerusalem throughout the Roman world

#### *Author*

Luke, a physician and occasional companion of the apostle Paul

#### *Date*

Likely between the early 60s AD and the mid-80s AD. The events recorded in Acts end in the early 60s, but a commonly held view suggests that it was written later, presuming that Luke's Gospel used the Gospel of Mark as a source. The Gospel of Mark was likely written in the late 60s

#### *Setting*

Written during a time when the good news of Jesus had spread throughout the Mediterranean world and it had become evident that God's salvation extended to both Jews and gentiles (non-Jewish people)