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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)