

# A commentary on acts of the apostles bible study guide

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### How to study the Acts of the Apostles?

**What is the main message of the Acts of the Apostles in the Bible?** The message of Acts is that, because Jesus was a Jew, the gospel should be presented first to Jews, then to Gentiles. Acts carries this theme throughout. When Paul arrives in a new city, he goes to the synagogue first and preaches there.

**What are the 5 key ideas in the book of Acts?** Final answer: The five key ideas in the book of Acts are the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, the growth of the early church, the conversion of Paul, the spread of the gospel to the Gentiles, and the persecution faced by early Christians.

### What are the important stories in the Acts of the Apostles?

**What is the focus of the Acts of the Apostles?** Acts depicts the shift from Jewish Christianity to Gentile Christianity as relatively smooth and portrays the Roman government as regarding the Christian doctrine as harmless. This book is the earliest “church history,” viewing the church as guided by the Spirit until a future Parousia (coming of the Lord).

**What do the acts of the apostles teach us today?** They teach us with all their flaws how to trust God in difficult times. They give us examples of what it means to live for God, to worship him, and glorify him. This is also true in the book of Acts. Not everything the early church did was right, but they are an example for us to follow in their faith and their life.

## **How can I apply the Book of Acts to my life?**

**Who wrote the Acts of the Apostles and why?** Acts was written in Greek, presumably by St. Luke the Evangelist. The Gospel According to Luke concludes where Acts begins, namely, with Christ's Ascension into heaven. Acts was apparently written in Rome, perhaps between 70 and 90 ce, though some think a slightly earlier date is also possible.

**Why Paul is important to the Acts of the Apostles?** After Jesus himself, Paul is probably the person the New Testament tells us most about. His role in the spread of Christianity outside Jerusalem and beyond Judaism is vital, and forms one of the main threads of Luke's narrative in Acts.

## **What are the two major themes in the book of Acts?**

**Who are the two main apostles in Acts?** The travels of Peter and Paul are in reality the travels of the Word of God as it spreads from Jerusalem, the city of destiny for Jesus, to Rome, the capital of the civilized world of Luke's day.

**Why is the book of Acts so important?** Why is Acts so important? Acts is the only biblical book that chronicles the history of the church immediately after Jesus's ascension. As such, it provides us with a valuable account of how the church was able to grow and spread out from Jerusalem into the rest of the Roman Empire.

**What is the Acts of the Apostles in a nutshell?** Description. Written by the author of the Gospel of Luke, the Acts of the Apostles continues the story of Jesus' followers. Acts begins by describing the events, confusion, and challenges followers of Jesus experienced immediately following his death.

**What are the biggest events in the Acts?** Christ appears to the apostles after His resurrection (Acts 1:4-8). Christ ascends to heaven (Acts 1:9-11). Matthias is appointed to replace Judas as the 12th Apostle (Acts 1:15-26). The Holy Spirit comes to the apostles in the form of tongues of fire (Acts 2:1-4).

**What is the overview of the book of Acts?** The book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke, following Jesus' followers as they are given the power of God's Spirit and tasked with spreading the good news of God's Kingdom to the ancient

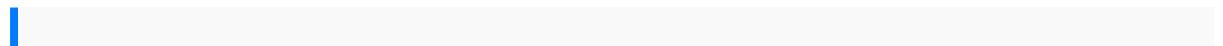
world. This is the beginning of the international, multiethnic Church.

### **How should I study for the Acts?**

**How to memorize the 12 apostles?** Unfortunately, most Catholics can't name them all. There's no simple mnemonic, but try PBJ STAMP. That's Peter, Bartholomew, J (James, James, Jude, Judas, John), Simon, Thomas, Andrew, Matthew, Philip.

### **What do I need to know before reading Acts?**

**How do I break down the book of Acts?** Acts can be neatly divided into two sections, the first dealing primarily with the ministry of Peter in Jerusalem and Samaria (Acts 1–12) and the second following Paul on his missionary journeys throughout the Roman Empire (Acts 13–28).



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