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Navigating the Book of Acts**

Key Information

- **Location:** The book of Acts takes place primarily in Jerusalem, Antioch, and various cities throughout the Roman Empire.
- **Author:** Luke, a physician and companion of the apostle Paul
- **Language:** Greek

Central Message

Acts presents the birth, growth, and spread of the early Christian church. It chronicles the apostles' witness of Jesus' resurrection and the Holy Spirit's power.

Main Apostles

- Peter
- Paul

Main Ideas

Five key ideas emerge from the book of Acts:

1. The Holy Spirit's empowerment of believers
2. The spread of the gospel to Gentiles
3. The persecution and growth of the church
4. The unity and diversity of the Christian community
5. The promise of Jesus' return

Studying Acts

- **Background Knowledge:** Research the historical and cultural context of the Roman Empire.
- **Prayer:** Pray for guidance and understanding before reading.
- **Note-Taking:** Annotate key passages and insights.
- **Inductive Bible Study:** Observe, interpret, and apply the text to your life.
- **Group Study:** Engage in discussions and share perspectives.

Understanding the Story

- **Four Elements of Prayer (Acts):** Petition, thanksgiving, praise, intercession
- **Four Pillars of Acts:** The Jerusalem Church, the Missionary Journeys, the Council at Jerusalem, the Expansion of the Gospel
- **Acts 1:7:** The promise of Jesus' return from the Mount of Olives
- **The Point of Pentecost:** The Holy Spirit's descent, empowering believers to witness and spread the gospel.

Geographical References

- **Church of Acts:** Jerusalem
- **Antioch of Acts:** Antakya, Turkey
- **Corinth in Acts:** Kenchreai, Greece

Other Key Inquiries

- **Jesus' Aramaic Name:** Yeshua
- **Paul's Language in Acts:** Greek
- **Adam and Eve's Language:** Unknown, possibly a pre-Babylonian language
- **James Killed in Acts:** James, brother of John
- **Acts 10:** Caesarea

- **Acts 3:** Jerusalem
- **Acts 9:** Damascus
- **Acts 12:** Jerusalem
- **Acts 18:** Corinth

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