

Acts of the Apostles



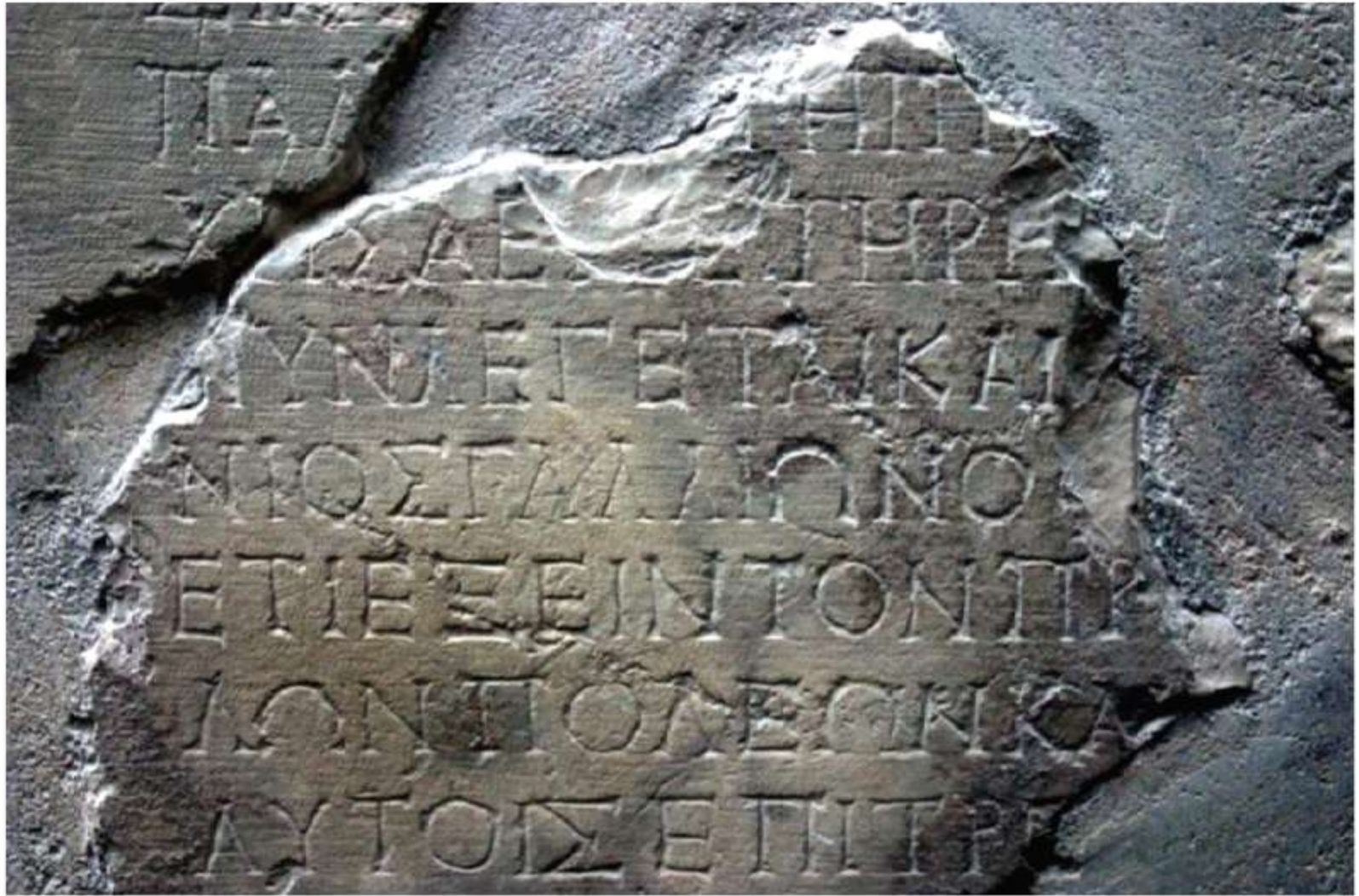
The Spirit's Witness to the World

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The Gallio Inscription



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Kerygma

- Events foretold in scripture
- Jesus depicted via an OT type
 - Descendant of David
 - Prophet like Moses
- John the Baptist as forerunner
- Jesus worked in Judea/Galilee
- Jesus died
 - For us
 - According to the scriptures
- Jesus buried
- Jesus raised on the third day
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- Jesus appeared to disciples (witnesses)
- Jesus exalted by God
- Jesus helps believers from God's side
- Jesus will return as judge



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 - Theudas in Acts 5:36
 - Josephus, Ant. 20.97-98
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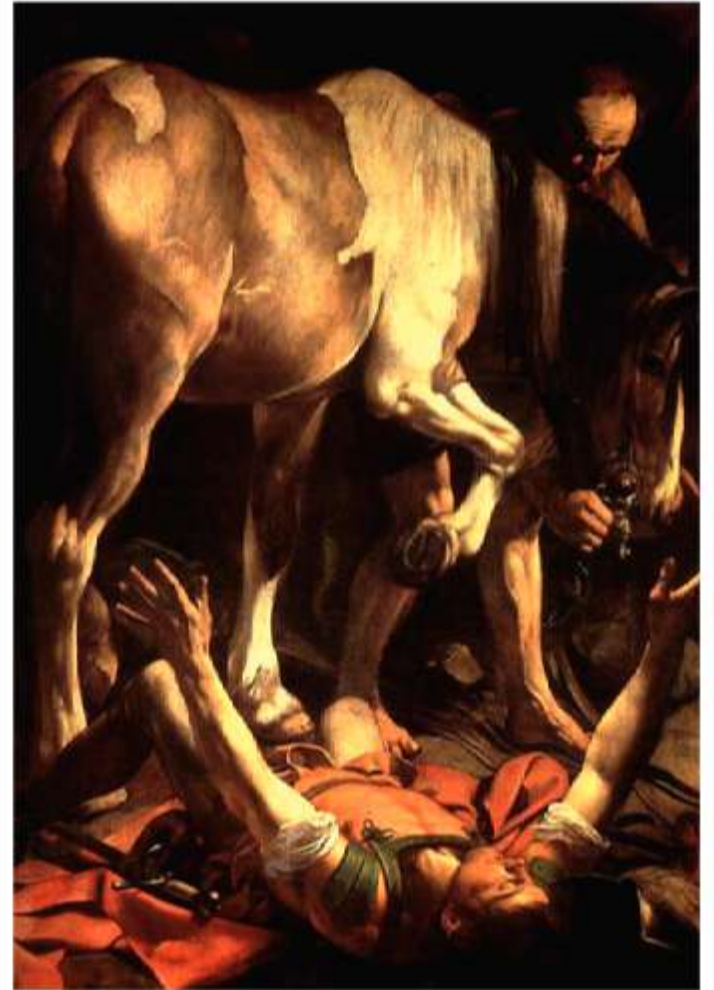
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 - Hellenist conflict in Jerusalem
 - Paul's split with Barnabas
 - Paul's "painful visit" to Corinth
 - The church in Africa and Asia



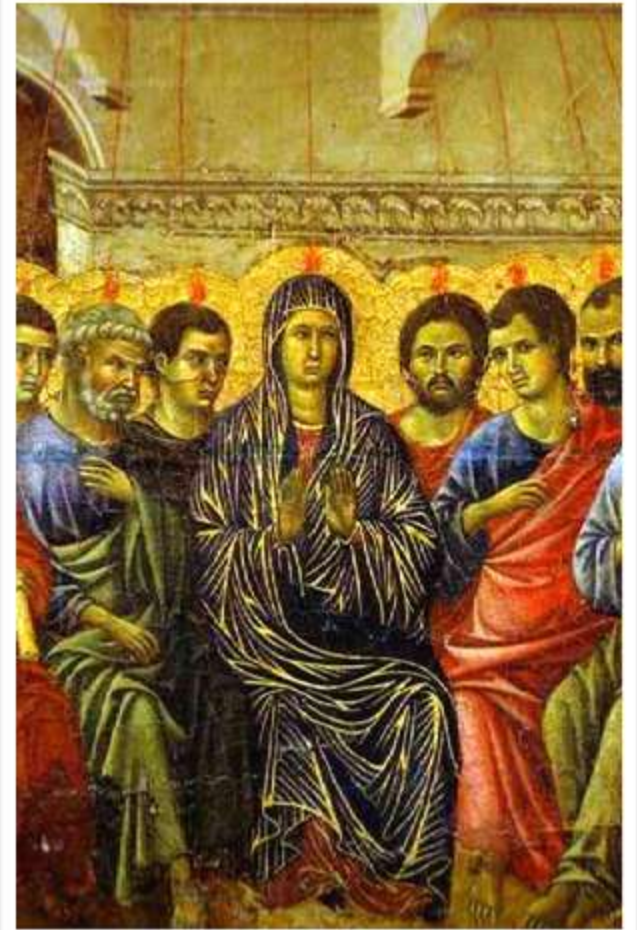
The Plot of Acts

- Jesus' commission
 - Witnesses to Jesus Christ
 - From Jerusalem
 - To Judea and Samaria
 - To the Ends of the Earth
- Parallel to the Gospel
- The puzzling ending



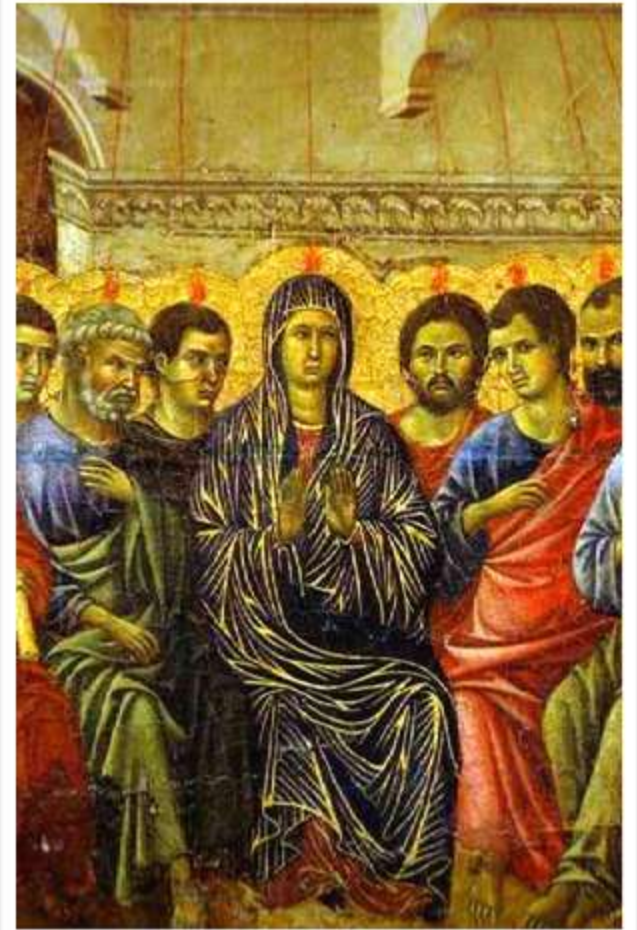
Luke's Themes in Acts

- Proclaiming and enacting
- The Spirit & Christ
 - The ascension
- Prophecy
- Gentiles & Jews
- Women & the poor
- Salvation history



New Emphases in Acts

- Freedom from Torah
- Testimony and martyrdom
- Subverting the empire



The Gospel Story

- What is God's mission?
- What is Christ's role?
- What is the Spirit's role?
- How do we participate?
 - What is the church?

