



You Will Be My Witnesses

...a study of the book of Acts

Introduction to the Book of Acts

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1. The book of Acts is a volume about church history.

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The book is important
for several reasons,

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Without Acts, we would have difficulty understanding the early history of the church.

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With Acts, we have a core history
around which to assemble the
data of the epistles.

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2. The book of Acts teaches us about the Holy Spirit.

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The Holy Spirit is
mentioned 50 times in this
book.

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The following are the
ministry of the Holy Spirit:

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1. He regenerates.
2. He baptizes.
3. He fills.
4. He sanctifies.

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3. The author of Acts was...
Dr. Luke a traveling companion
of the Apostle Paul.

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Scholars believed that the
book was written during
Paul's first imprisonment.

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For the date, it is believed
that the book was written
around AD 60.

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Luke's primary purpose is to show the growth of Christianity, empowered and energized by the Holy Spirit through the Roman world.

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The book can be divided
into the following sections:

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The growth of the church
in Jerusalem (Acts 1:1-8:4).

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The growth of the church
in Judea and Samaria (Acts
8:5-12:25).

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The growth of the church
in the remotest part of the
earth (Acts 13:1-28:3).



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Or it can be outlined
in another way:



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The Foundation Phase (Acts 1-5):

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The apostle Peter is prominent and the city of Jerusalem and the surrounding villages are the focus.



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The Forward Phase
Acts 6-12.

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New voices are on the scene
and are speaking for the
church-Stephen and Philip.



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The Foreign Phase (Acts 13-28).

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The Apostle Paul is the
most important person in
this section.

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The Key verse of Acts
is 1:8.

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”