God’s explosive power used a small group of Christ followers to change the world. Discover what can happen when God’s power works through you.
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Introduction

The book of Acts provides a glimpse into the first three decades of the early church (A.D. 30-63) as it spread and multiplied after the ascension of Jesus Christ. It is not a detailed comprehensive history. Rather, it focuses on the role played by apostles such as Peter, who ministered primarily to Jews, and Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles.

It is widely considered that the author of Acts was the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a physician and the traveling companion of Paul (Colossians 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:11; Philemon 24). As early as the second century A.D., church leaders such as Irenaeus wrote that Luke was the author of Acts. This is largely based on the “we” passages in Acts, five sections where the author changed from the third person to first person plural as he narrated the action (16:10; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-29; 28:1-16).

Both the Gospel of Luke and the Book of Acts begin with an acknowledgment to Theophilus. Nothing is known about Theophilus other than what we find in Luke’s recognition of him as honorable (Luke 1:3-4). Apparently he was a man of high standing and substantial influence. The name “Theophilus” is Greek and means “lover of God” or “friend of God” thus indicating he was a Gentile.

Acts closes with Paul still in prison in Rome (28:30-31). Although it is possible Luke wrote at a later date after Paul was released, most likely he completed the book while Paul was still in prison. This dates the writing in the early 60s.

The book of Acts emphasizes the work of God through the Holy Spirit in the lives of people who devoted themselves to Jesus Christ, especially Paul as he led the Gentile missionary endeavor. It is no exaggeration to say that the Christian church was built through the dynamic power of the Spirit working through chosen vessels. Another important concept is the wide spread of the gospel from Jews to Gentiles, from Jerusalem to Judea, from Samaria and on to the rest of the world (1:8). Christianity transformed from being a sect within Judaism to a world religion that eventually gained welcome everywhere, even in the heart of the pagan Roman Empire.

At the heart of the Christian movement was the work of the apostle Paul, a former skeptic who became Christianity’s most vocal advocate. Acts covers the life of Paul from his first appearance at the stoning of Stephen to his final appearance while imprisoned in his own rented house at Rome. Paul’s work on behalf of the gospel is evident at almost every turn as he proclaimed the good news before Gentiles, kings and the Israelites.

The book of Acts also provides a glimpse into the life of a few of the early apostles as they spread the gospel first in Jerusalem and then on to the rest of the world. Peter, Philip and a few others were responsible for the spread of the gospel from Jerusalem to Samaria.

The apostles are distinguished by their being filled by the Holy Spirit and thus empowered to proclaim the gospel under a variety of trying circumstances. These circumstances included theological, political and physical oppression as they were marginalized, imprisoned and stoned.

Nevertheless, through the power of the Holy Spirit they refused to stop proclaiming the message that the Old Testament prophesied about a coming Savior which was fulfilled in the person and works of Jesus Christ of Nazareth. As a result, many thousands of people came to believe that the Lord Jesus was the Messiah, their one hope for salvation from their sins.

The book of Acts ties the other books of the New Testament together. It does so by providing the “rest of the story” to the Gospels. The gospel and the message of the kingdom of God did not end with Jesus’ ascension to heaven forty days after His resurrection, but continued on in the lives of His
followers. Acts shows us how the promises of Jesus were carried out by the apostles and other believers through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The book of Acts also provides us with insight into the commitment and actions of the earliest converts; people just like you and me who discovered the amazing grace of God offered through Jesus Christ. It allows us to see their spiritual grown and struggles as they “work out” their salvation and discover the power of God’s Holy Spirit.

God’s explosive power used a small group of followers of Jesus Christ to change the world. What can happen if we allow God’s power to work through you and me?

**Study Method**

Each week, you will be asked to read a chapter from the book of Acts. Please take the time to read the assigned chapter and answer the questions relating to it. Not all questions will be directly answered from the scripture text. You may need to do additions study to find some answers.

Be prepared to discuss your thoughts and observations about each week’s text. In our group sessions, we will discuss key verses and how we might apply them to our own lives. As you read each chapter, invite God to open your eyes and heart to how His power can work through you to change our world.
Chapter 1

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. 1:8

1) Introduction (1:1-2)
   a) What is the former account mentioned in 1:1? ________________________________
   b) Who is Theophilus? ________________________________
   c) Who wrote Acts? ________________________________

2) Christ’s final message and resurrection (1:3-11)
   a) What promise did Jesus give the apostles? ______________________________________

   b) What question did they ask him? ______________________________________

   c) What was his answer? ______________________________________

   d) How did he ascend? ______________________________________

   e) What were the apostles told to do? ______________________________________

3) The upper room (1:12-26)
   a) Who was there? ______________________________________

   b) What were they doing? ______________________________________

   c) Where was Judas? ______________________________________

   d) What qualified someone to replace him? ______________________________________

   e) Who chose Matthias and how? ______________________________________

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Chapter 2

For the promise is for you and your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call. 2:39

1) Coming of the Holy Spirit (2:1-4)
   a) Who did the Holy Spirit fill? ____________________________________________
   b) How did it look/sound? ________________________________________________

2) The Crowd's Response (2:5-13)
   a) Why were these people in Jerusalem? _____________________________________
   b) Why was this confusing to them? _________________________________________

3) Peter's Sermon (2:14-39)
   a) What time was the third hour of the day? _________________________________
   b) Why does Peter quote Joel? _____________________________________________
   c) Summarize Peter's sermon: _____________________________________________
   d) What is "the gift of the Holy Spirit (vs.38)? _______________________________

4) The church grows (2:40-47)
   a) How did they "continue in the Apostles doctrine and fellowship?" ______________
   b) Why did they sell their possessions and divide them among all? ______________
   c) Should we do that today (why/ why not)? _________________________________

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Chapter 3

Therefore repent and turn back, so that your sins may be wiped out, that seasons of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. 3:19

1) Healing the Lame man (3:1-11)

a) Why was this such an amazing healing? ____________________________________________

b) How is this different from the modern day "Televangelist Healers" such as Oral Roberts or Benny Hinn? ____________________________________________

c) What did the Lame man do after being healed? _______________________________________

2) Peter's Sermon (3:12-26)

a) Compare Vs. 17 to Luke 23:32 ____________________________________________________

b) Beginning in Vs. 18, Peter appeals to the prophets. Why does he do that? __________________

c) How did Peter say Jesus would bless them? _______________________________________

d) What does it mean to have ones sins “wiped out”? ____________________________________

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Chapter 4

When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized they had been with Jesus. 4:13

1) Peter and John arrested and in custody (4:1-22)

a) Who arrested Peter and John, and why? ________________________________

b) What question do they ask Peter at his arraignment? (Compare Matthew 21:23-28) ______

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c) Consider Peter's direct answer and contrast it with Jesus answering the same question with a question. Why did they answer differently? ________________________________

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d) They were threatened and commanded not to preach in Jesus name anymore. Explain Peter's response:

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2) Their release and prayer for boldness (4:23-31)

a) What was the essence of their prayer? ________________________________

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b) How would you describe the heart of Peter and John at this point? ________________________________

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c) Should we pray for relief from persecution or boldness in its face? ________________________________

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4) Their Spirit of Oneness (4:32-37)

a) How can we promote and manifest this spirit in our church today? ________________________________

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Chapter 5

You have not lied to men but to God! 5:4

1) The First Church Discipline (5:1-11)
   a) What did Ananias & Sapphira do that was so wrong? ________________________________

   b) How did Peter describe their sin? _________________________________________________

   c) Where did they get the idea to do this? ___________________________________________

2) Amazing growth (5:12-16)
   a) In Vs. 13 "Yet none of the rest dared join them" Who are them and who is the rest? __________

3) The Apostles Arrested and Delivered (5:17-32)
   a) Who arrested them and why? _____________________________________________________

   b) How did they get out of prison? _________________________________________________

   c) The two charges the Sanhedrin Court brought against the apostles were 1) you disobeyed our command not to teach in Jesus name, and 2) you are trying to make us appear guilty of Jesus' death. How do the apostles answer these charges? __________________________________________

4) Gamaliel's Speech (5:33-42)
   a) He mentions two revolutionaries who both drew away disciples and yet their movements both failed. Why does he tell these two stories? ________________________________

   b) What is his advice to the council? _________________________________________________

   c) Do they follow his advice? _____________________________________________________

   d) What did the apostles do after they were beaten and released? __________________________

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Chapter 6

They had them stand before the apostles who prayed and laid their hands on them. So the preaching about God flourished, the number of disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith. 6:6-7

1) The Seven Chosen to Serve (6:1-7)
   a) Why was there a need to appoint men for this task? ____________________________________________

   b) Who were the Hellenists? _________________________________________________________________

   c) What were the qualifications Peter told them to look for in choosing these men? ________________

   d) Who appointed them? ____________________________________________________________________

   e) Were these guys deacons? __________________________________________________________________

   f) If so, what can we learn about the work of a deacon? __________________________________________

   g) If not, what office did they hold? ___________________________________________________________

   h) How did their work differ from the Apostles? ________________________________________________

2) Stephen Arrested (6:8-15)
   a) How was Stephen doing miracles since only Apostle had done miracles up to this time? _________

   b) Who were the people he was debating? ________________________________________________________

   c) What did they accuse him of? __________________________________________________________________

   d) Was their accusation true? ____________________________________________________________________

   e) Explain what he looked like to those in the council. _____________________________________________

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Chapter 7

You stiff-necked people with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are always resisting the Holy Spirit as you ancestors did, so do you. 7:51

1) Stephen's sermon to the Council (7:1-50)

a) Stephen begins with Abraham, why do you think he did that? ________________________________

b) What is Stephen's theme in this sermon? ________________________________

c) Why were the Pharisee's so offended by his sermon? ________________________________

d) Why begin with a History lesson to these men who knew the Israelite History so well? ________

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e) What did Stephen mean when he said "God turned and gave them up..." (42)? __________

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f) Why would Stephen have brought the Temple into the sermon? ______________________________

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2) Stephen makes it personal (7:51-53)

a) Why did Stephen get personal here? ________________________________

b) What does this teach us about effective preaching? ________________________________

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3) The Martyrdom of Stephen (7:54-60)

a) Why didn't they react like those who were "convicted" in Acts 2? ________________________________

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b) Why do you think God showed him this vision? ________________________________

c) What did Stephen pray for? ________________________________

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Chapter 8

When the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had welcomed God’s message, they sent Peter and John to them. After they went down there, they prayed for them, so the Samaritans might receive the Holy Spirit. 8:14-15

1) The church leaves Jerusalem (8:1-4)

a) Why did the church leave Jerusalem? ____________________________________________

b) Who didn’t leave and why? ______________________________________________________

c) What did they do when they left Jerusalem? _________________________________________

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 d) Does this exhibit a different heart/attitude than we have today? Why? __________________

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2) Phillip’s work in Samaria (8:5-24)

a) Discuss the conversion of Simon. Why was he converted? ____________________________

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b) Compare and contrast Vs. 13 with Vs. 21-22. _______________________________________

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c) Was Simon truly converted? _______________________________________________________

d) Why did the Apostles send Peter and John to Samaria? ______________________________

3) The Conversion of the Ethiopian (8:25-40)

a) What do we know about the Ethiopian’s Character? _________________________________

b) Read and give a brief explanation of Isaiah 53:7-8. _________________________________

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c) What did Phillip preach? What did that include? ___________________________________ 

d) What would biblically prevent someone’s baptism? _________________________________

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Chapter 9

Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 9:3

1) The conversion of Saul (9:1-19)

a) Why was Saul going to Damascus? ________________________________

b) Who did Jesus say Saul was persecuting? ________________________________

c) How was that possible since he had already ascended? ________________________________

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d) Was Saul quick or slow to repent? ________________________________

e) Who did God send to teach Saul? ________________________________

f) Did he want to go? Why? ________________________________

g) At what point in this story is Saul saved? Explain your answer: ________________________________

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2) After Saul’s conversion (9:20-31)

a) What did he do immediately after his baptism? ________________________________

b) How did the Jews in Damascus react? ________________________________

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c) What problem did he have in Jerusalem? ________________________________

d) What was the result to the church of Saul’s conversion (VS. 31)? ________________________________

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3) Miracles of Peter (9:32-43)

a) What was a result of his miracle in Lydda? ________________________________

b) Why was Tabitha so well loved? ________________________________

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c) List ways you could possibly become more like Tabitha in your own life? ________________________________

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Then Peter began to speak: “Now I really understand that God doesn’t show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears Him and does righteousness is acceptable to Him.” 10:34-35

1) Cornelius Sends for Peter (10:1-8)

a) List the character qualities mentioned about Cornelius.

b) What had God noticed about him?

c) Why didn't God just tell him about Jesus?

2) Peter’s Vision (10:9-23)

a) Why wouldn't Peter eat?

b) What type of animals was in the sheet?

c) What was the point of the vision?

d) In what ways are you like Cornelius?

e) In what ways are you different from Cornelius?

3) Peter Meets Cornelius (10:24-33)

a) Why did Cornelius try to worship Peter?

b) How did Peter react?

4) Peter’s Sermon (10:34-48)

a) What does Peter tell Cornelius about God?

b) What does it mean "The Holy Spirit Fell on them"?

c) At what point in the story was Cornelius saved?

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When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he was glad and encouraged all of them to remain true to the Lord with a firm resolve of the heart... 11:23

1) Peter's Defense of Gentile Conversions (11:1-18)
   a) Who were "those of the circumcision"? ________________________________

   b) Why did they "contend with" Peter? ________________________________

   c) In what way did Peter explain it to them? ________________________________

   d) What did the Spirit tell Peter not to do? ________________________________

   e) What was Peter reminded of in verse 16? ________________________________

   f) How did "those of the circumcision" respond to the Holy Spirit? ________________________________

2) Barnabas and Saul (11:19-30)
   a) Why did Barnabas go to Antioch? ________________________________

   b) What was his mission (purpose) there? ________________________________

   c) What did he do to help accomplish this mission? ________________________________

   d) What "first" happened in Antioch? ________________________________

   e) Who was Agabus and what did he do? ________________________________

   f) Describe the heart of the new Christians in Antioch: ________________________________

   g) What practical way can you show the same heart as these Christians in Antioch? ________________________________

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Chapter 12

After they had completed their relief mission, Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, taking along John who is called Mark. 12:25

1) Herod takes Saul's place (12:1-4)
   a) Who was Herod? ________________________________
   b) Who was the first Apostle killed & how? ________________________________
   c) Who did he arrest next? ________________________________

2) Peter's Miraculous Release (12:5-19)
   a) What was the church doing while Peter was in Prison? Why? ________________________________
   b) Who released Peter from Prison? ________________________________
   c) What did Peter think was going on? ________________________________
   d) What does that tell us about the reality of Visions? ________________________________
   e) What did she do? Why? ________________________________
   f) Peter instructs them to tell James, but we just read (Vs. 2) James was killed. Explain: __________

3) The End of Herod (12:20-24)
   a) What did Herod do that was so bad in these verses? ________________________________
   b) How did he die? ________________________________

4) Barnabas and Saul return to Antioch (12:25)
   a) Why were Barnabas and Saul in Jerusalem? ________________________________
   b) Who did they take with them when they returned? ________________________________
   c) Herod was not killed for persecuting and murdering Christians, but was killed for his arrogant Pride. What does this teach you about the sin of Pride and taking God's credit for yourself? __________

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Chapter 13

When the Gentiles heard this, they rejoiced and glorified the message of the Lord, and all who had been appointed to eternal life believed. 13:48

1) Barnabas & Saul Sent Out (13:1-3)
   a) How many teachers did the church in Antioch have? ________________________________
   b) What did they do when they appointed Barnabas & Saul? ____________________________

2) Barnabas & Saul In Cyprus (13:3-4)
   a) What did Elymas do? ____________________________________________________________
   b) Here we are introduced to Saul's other name. What is it? ___________________________

3) In Antioch of Pisidia (13:13-52)
   a) What did John Mark do when they got to Perga? _________________________________
   b) Where did they go first in Antioch? _____________________________________________
   c) In his message, how much background did Paul give them before getting to Jesus? __________
      _____________________________________________________________________________
   d) What promise does he reason from scripture with them? ____________________________
      _____________________________________________________________________________
   e) Why do you think he mentions John the Baptist? _________________________________
   f) Notice how Paul consistently appeals to Old Testament Scripture. Why do you think he does that? ______________________________________________________________________________________
   g) Paul uses three quotes from Psalms (2:7; 55:3; 16:10) Read each Psalm and summarize what it says about Jesus. _____________________________________________________________
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   h) Why does Paul include a prophetic warning (Habakkuk 1:5)? _______________________

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Chapter 14

When they appointed elders in every church and prayed with fasting, they commited them to the Lord in whom they had believed. 14:23

1) Paul & Barnabas At Iconium (14:1-7)
   a) Were they successful in Iconium? __________________________________________________
   b) Who were the main opponents? ____________________________________________________
   c) Why did they leave Iconium? ______________________________________________________

2) Idolatry at Lystra, Paul stoned, they escape to Derbe (14:8-20)
   a) What was amazing about the healing at Lystra? ______________________________________
   b) When Paul looked at the man, he was that the man "had faith to be healed". What does that mean? ____________________________________________________________
   c) When Paul healed the man, what was the reaction in the city? __________________________
   d) Who did they think Paul and Barnabas were? _________________________________________
   e) Summarize Paul's sermon to them: _________________________________________________
      ______________________________________________________________________________
   f) What happened that turned the crowd from wanting to worship Paul to stoning him? ______
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3) They strengthen the new congregations as they return to Antioch of Syria (14:21-28)
   a) When they returned, they stopped in cities where they had begun churches. Why? ______
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   b) What did they tell the new Christians? _____________________________________________
   c) What did Paul & Barnabas do when they got back to Antioch? _________________________
   e) How does Paul summarize the trip? _________________________________________________

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Chapter 15

Now then, why are you testing God by putting a yoke on the disciples’ necks that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? 15:10

1) Conflict over Circumcision (15:1-5)
   a) Where did the troubling brethren come from? ____________________________________________
   b) What did they teach? ________________________________________________________________
   c) How does this happen today in our churches? __________________________________________

2) The council at Jerusalem considers the matter (15:6-21)
   a) Who gathered to consider this matter? _________________________________________________
   b) Summarize Peter's speech: ___________________________________________________________

   c) What authority did James appeal to? _________________________________________________
   d) What solution did James propose? __________________________________________________

3) The Jerusalem Decree (22-35):
   a) Who did the Apostles send with Paul & Barnabas? ___________________________________
   b) Summarize the letter that the Apostles sent with Paul & Barnabas: ______________________

   c) How did the church receive the letter? _________________________________________________

4) Trouble over John Mark (36-41):
   a) Why do Paul and Barnabas have contention? __________________________________________
   b) Who went with Paul & where did they go? _____________________________________________
   c) Who went with Barnabas & where did they go? _________________________________________
   d) Which one of them was right? _______________________________________________________

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Chapter 16

So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved – you and your household. 16: 31

1) Paul takes Timothy with him (16:1-3)
   a) What can we know about Timothy from these passages? ________________________________

   b) Why would Paul have Timothy circumcised? ________________________________

   c) What does this tell us about choosing Evangelists today? ________________________________

2) The Macedonian Call (16:4-10)
   a) What message did they deliver in the cities they visited? ________________________________

   b) What two places did the Holy Spirit forbid them to preach? ________________________________

   c) What did they conclude after Paul's vision? ________________________________

3) The Conversion of Lydia (16:11-15)
   a) What type of person was Lydia? ________________________________

   b) Explain: "The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was spoken by Paul"? ________________

   c) How does God open our hearts to hear His messages? ________________________________

4) The Conversion of the Philippian Jailor (16:16-34)
   a) Why were Paul and Silas arrested? ________________________________

   b) Discuss their attitude and actions in prison ________________________________
c) Explain the Jailor's actions after the earthquake: ______________________________________

d) Discuss Paul's answer to his question "What must I do to be saved?": ______________________
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e) What happened to the jailor? __________________________________________________________
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f) How was the jailor’s entire family saved also? ___________________________________________
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5) Paul refuses to depart secretly (16:35-40)

a) What did Paul demand the Magistrates do before he would leave? Why? ______________________
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Chapter 17

The God who made the world and everything in it - He is Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in shrines made by hands. 17:24

1) At Thessalonica (17:1-8)
   a) What did Paul teach in Thessalonica?
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   b) Who became envious and what did they do?
   ____________________________

   c) What was their accusation and why was this troubling?
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   d) Was it true?
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2) In Berea (17:10-15)
   a) What two characteristics exhibited their fair-mindedness?
   ____________________________

   b) What results happened here that were similar to Thessalonica?
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3) At Athens (17:16-34)
   a) What provoked Paul?
   ____________________________

   b) What was the reaction of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers to his teaching?
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   c) What was the Areopagus?
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   d) VS. 22 in KJV reads "too superstitious" the NKJV says "very religious". What was Paul saying to them?
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   e) Why did he quote the pagan Athenian poets?
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   f) What was the result? Was he successful?
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Chapter 18

The Lord said to Paul in a night vision, “Don’t be afraid, but keep on speaking and don’t be silent. 18:9

1) At Corinth (18:1-17)
   a) With whom did Paul stay and why? ____________________________
   b) What did Paul tell the Jews? Why? ____________________________

   c) What did God tell Paul in a vision? ____________________________
   d) Who became ruler of the synagogue in Crispus’ place? _____________
   e) What did Gallio tell the Jews when they arrested Paul? ____________

2) Paul returns to Antioch (18:18-22)
   a) How long did Paul stay in Corinth? ____________________________
   b) Who shaved their head and why? ________________________________

   c) List, in order, the places mentioned that Paul traveled to (Vs. 18-23). ____________________________

3) Apollos learns about Jesus (18:24-28)
   a) Where was Apollos from? ________________________________
   b) Discuss the two qualities given to describe Apollos. ________________________________
   c) What was he lacking in his knowledge of the Lord? ________________________________
   d) Who taught him more accurately? ________________________________
   e) How had they learned? ________________________________
   f) Considering Vs. 27, do you believe letters of commendation are scriptural/valid? _____________

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Chapter 19

And many who had become believers came confessing and disclosing their practices. 19:18

1) Paul arrives at Ephesus (19:1-10)
   a) What did Paul ask the disciples when he met them? ______________________________________
   b) What was their answer? ______________________________________________________________
   c) Paul then asks about their baptism. What about their answer would make him question their baptism? ______________________________________________________________
   d) What did Paul teach them about Baptism? _________________________________________________
   e) Read Ephesians 2:8-9 and harmonize that with this account. ________________________________________________________________
   f) Was Paul’s work in Ephesus very successful? ______________________________________________

2) Unusual Miracles in Ephesus (19:11-20)
   a) What were these unusual miracles? ______________________________________________________
   b) Who were the sons of Sceva and what did they do? __________________________________________
   c) What happened to them? ________________________________________________________________

3) The Riot at Ephesus (19:21-41)
   a) Where does Paul purpose to go next? ______________________________________________________
   b) Who was Demetrius and why was he upset? _________________________________________________
   c) What did the crowd chant? ______________________________________________________________
   d) Who calmed them down? _________________________________________________________________
   e) What was his reasoning and his suggested resolution? _______________________________________

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Chapter 20

But I count my life of no value to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of God’s grace. 20:24

1) Journey to Troas (20:1-6)
   a) How long did Paul stay in Greece? ____________________________
   b) Why did he make a last minute change in his travel plans? ____________________________
   c) What do Verses 4-6 tell us about Luke? ____________________________

2) Miracle at Troas (20:7-12)
   a) When [what day] did the disciples assemble? ____________________________
   b) How long did Paul preach? ____________________________
   c) What happened to Eutychus? ____________________________
   d) Did Paul raise him from the dead, or merely realize that he wasn't really dead? __________

3) The trip to Miletus (20:13-16)
   a) Why did Paul sail past Ephesus? ____________________________
   b) Why would Paul want to be in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost? ____________________________

4) Paul exhorts the Ephesian Elders (20:17-38)
   a) In vs. 21 Paul reminds them of his two-fold message. What was it? ____________________________
   b) What did the Holy Spirit testify in every city about Paul? ____________________________
   c) Would that frighten or discourage you? ____________________________
   d) What warning does he give them? ____________________________
   e) What can we learn from his warning? ____________________________

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Chapter 21

“What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready to not only to be bound but to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” 21:13

1) **Warnings on the Journey to Jerusalem** (21:1-14)

   a) Where did they find disciples? ____________________________________________

   b) What did those disciples tell Paul? ________________________________________

   c) Who came from Judah, and what did he do/say? _____________________________

   d) Imagine the scene, the disciples actions, Paul's reply, and their response. Why do you think Paul was so insistent on going? ________________________________

2) **Paul Seeks Peace in Jerusalem but is Arrested** (21:15-36)

   a) Whom did Paul meet with in Jerusalem? ________________________________

   b) What rumors did they tell him were circulating about him? _________________

   c) What did they ask Paul to do? __________________________________________

   d) Why did Paul do it? Wasn't this deceptive on his part? _____________________

   e) Did the effort at peace with the Jews work? ______________________________

   f) What accusations were made by the Jews from Asia? _______________________

   g) Why did they accuse him of bringing a Greek into the Temple? ______________

3) **Addressing the Jerusalem Mob** (21:37-40)

   a) What did Paul do that surprised the commander? ___________________________

   b) Who had he thought Paul was? __________________________________________

   c) What did Paul ask to be allowed to do? _________________________________

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Chapter 22

The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will, to see the Righteous One, and to hear the sound of His voice. 22:14

1) Paul's Defense (22:1-21)
   a) Why did the people keep silent? __________________________________________
   b) Who was Paul's teacher in the Law of Moses? ______________________________
   c) Does he criticize or compliment the crowd? _________________________________
   d) What did the light do to Paul? ____________________________________________
   d) Paul shares his testimony of his encounter with Jesus. What is your testimony? ____________
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   e) List the things Ananias told him: __________________________________________
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   f) When Paul returned to Jerusalem, he had a vision where he saw Jesus. What did Jesus tell him to do? Why? ____________________________

2) Paul's Arrest (22:22-30)
   a) At this point the people begin to riot. Why do you think this provoked them? ______________
       __________________________________________
   b) What was the commander going to do to him? _________________________________
   c) Why didn't he? __________________________________________________________
   d) Who had greater right to Roman citizenship, Paul or the commander? _________________
   e) Why was the commander afraid? _____________________________________________
   f) Who is called as a witnesses? _______________________________________________

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Chapter 23

“Have courage! For as you have testified about Me in Jerusalem, so you must testify in Rom.” 23:11

1) Paul Before the Council (23:1-10)
   a) What claim does Paul start with? ________________________________________________
   b) What did Paul call the High Priest? ______________________________________________
   c) Why does he apologize? ________________________________________________________
   d) What did Paul discern about his audience and how did he use that insight? ______________
   e) What was the result? __________________________________________________________

2) Paul's Arrest (23:11-22)
   a) What does Jesus tell Paul? ______________________________________________________
   b) What vow did a group of Jews make? _____________________________________________
   c) Who did they enlist to help them? _______________________________________________
   d) What was their plan? __________________________________________________________
   e) Who found out about the plan? _________________________________________________
   f) What did the commander do to defeat the plan and did it work? _______________________

3) Paul sent to Felix (23:23-35)
   a) Summarize the Letter sent by the commander to Felix: ______________________________
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   b) What did Felix tell Paul and command to be done with him? _______________________
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Chapter 24

I always do my best to have a clear conscience toward God and men. 24:16

1) Paul accused of sedition (24:1-9)
   a) Who did Ananias & the elders bring with them? _______________________________________
   b) How does he begin his speech? ______________________________________________________
   c) What accusations does he make against Paul? ___________________________________________
   d) What does he say about Lysias? _______________________________________________________

2) Paul's defense before Felix (24:10-21)
   a) How long had it been since Paul arrived in Jerusalem? _________________________________
   b) Why was Paul cheerful to answer for himself? __________________________________________
   c) What did he deny? __________________________________________________________________
   d) What did he confess? __________________________________________________________________
   e) What does Paul mean by "the Way"? ___________________________________________________
   f) Who does he blame for the riot? ______________________________________________________
   g) He says that these witnesses against him have no right to speak because? _________________

3) Felix's response (24:22-27)
   a) Why did Felix not rule? __________________________________________________________________
   b) Who did he claim to be waiting on? _____________________________________________________
   c) What did Felix command to be done with Paul? _________________________________________
   d) Why did Felix call for Paul? ___________________________________________________________
   e) Was Felix converted? __________________________________________________________________

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Chapter 25

Instead they had some disagreements with him about their religion and about a certain Jesus, a dead man Paul claimed to be alive. 25:19

1) Paul appeals to Caesar (25:1-12)

a) Who is the next judge in the case against Paul? ________________________________

b) What does the High Priest petition him for and why? ________________________________

c) How long was it before Festus judged Paul? ________________________________

d) Who, besides Paul & Festus was at the trial? ________________________________

e) What three things did Paul claim to be without offense? ________________________________

f) What does Festus suggest and why? ________________________________

g) What is Paul's response? ________________________________

2) Paul before Agrippa (25:13-27)

a) Who is his next judge? ________________________________

b) Who was with him? ________________________________

c) When he arrives, summarize the story told by Festus. ________________________________

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d) What does Agrippa ask for? ________________________________

e) What did Festus ask Agrippa to help him with and why? ________________________________

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Chapter 26

To this very day, I have obtained help that comes from God, and I stand and testify to both small and great, saying nothing else than what the prophets and Moses said would take place... 26:22

1) Paul before conversion (26:1-11)

a) How was Agrippa different from the others who had judged Paul? ____________________________

b) What sect (denomination) of the Jewish religion was Paul before his conversion? ____________

c) What rhetorical question did Paul ask? ____________________________________________________

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d) What types of things did he do to Christians? ________________________________________________

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e) Why do you think Paul begins his defense with his pre-conversion life? ______________________

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2) Paul tells of his conversion (26:12-18)

a) What things does he mention here that are not recorded in the earlier accounts [Acts 9, 22]? _____

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3) Paul after conversion (26:19-23)

a) Who did he begin preaching to? _____________________________________________________________

b) What did Paul then begin to preach? _______________________________________________________

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c) Paul mentions 3 main points in his message about Jesus, what are they? ______________________

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4) Festus and Agrippa respond (26: 24-32)

a) What does Paul assert about Agrippa? _______________________________________________________

b) What does Agrippa say? _________________________________________________________________

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c) What was their judgment about Paul? ______________________________________________________

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Chapter 27

Take courage, men, because I believe God that it will be just the way it was told to me. 27:25

1) Voyage to Rome begins, Paul’s warning ignored (27:1-12)

   a) Who was placed in charge of Paul? ________________________________

   b) What was the trouble they faced in this journey? ________________________________

   c) Why was sailing dangerous now? __________________________________________

   d) What warning does Paul give? __________________________________________

   e) Why did they disregard Paul’s warning? ______________________________________

2) The storm arrives (27:13-38)

   a) What did they call the tempestuous head wind? ________________________________

   b) What things did they do to save the ship? ______________________________________

   c) What was the mental state of the crew and passengers when Paul finally spoke? _______

   d) What good news did Paul give them? ______________________________________

   e) What were the sailors attempting to do? ______________________________________

   f) What did Paul tell them? ______________________________________

3) Shipwrecked on Malta (27:39-44)

   a) What did the soldiers intend to do? ______________________________________

   b) Why did the centurion stop them? ______________________________________

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Chapter 28

For this reason I’ve asked to see you and speak to you. In fact, it is for the hope of Israel that I’m wearing this chain.” 28:20

1) Ministry in Malta (28:1-10)
   a) What did the people of Malta think of Paul and why? ________________________________  
   ____________________________________________  
   b) At whose home did Paul and the others find great hospitality? ________________________  
   c) What ministry did Paul perform in Malta? ____________________________________________

2) Making way to Rome (28:11-16)
   a) What did Paul find in Puteoli? ____________________________________________________  
   b) Why brought courage to Paul once in Rome and why? ________________________________

3) Paul Message to in Rome (28:17-29)
   a) Who did Paul call together after three days in Rome? ________________________________  
   b) What did Paul mean in verse 20? _________________________________________________  
   c) What was the response to Paul’s message to the Jews? ________________________________  
   d) What did Paul say that was the big “turn-off” to the Jews? ____________________________  
   e) What pursued as the Jews departed Paul? ____________________________________________

4) Paul’s Ministry Continues (28:30-31)
   a) How long did Paul remain in his own home in Rome? ________________________________  
   b) What did Paul continue to do? ____________________________________________________  
   c) How did Paul continue his ministry in Rome? ________________________________________

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Conclusion

Church tradition has long held that Paul was beheaded during the persecution by Roman emperor Nero. It is possible that Paul was executed in Rome after the two years referenced at the end of the book of Acts. It is also possible that Paul was released and then later rearrested and executed. The fact that Luke does not write of Paul’s execution leads most scholars to conclude Luke wrote the book of Acts previous to Paul’s execution, though it is possible the subject was too difficult for Luke to discuss.

Regardless, the book of Acts shows that God fulfilled His purpose in Paul. God took a man full of hatred for Christians and empowered him through the Holy Spirit to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the most underserving and least likely; the Gentiles. Paul’s preaching day and night in the seat of the pagan Roman Empire ensured that Christianity would become an international phenomenon.

Praise God!