

Big Photo:



Christ
is
Risen!
Now
What!

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Acts
Christianity Begins

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Martin Story: The
Foot Locker Story



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Problems facing new church

- What to teach? What's important about Jesus teaching?
- Nothing's written down.
- Who's in charge?
- Who is this new Religion for? Jews / Gentiles

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Main Idea:

- Acts talks about the Holy Spirit acting with and through the Apostles.
- There are two main sections:
 1. Chapters 1 through 12 are mainly about Peter
 2. Chapters 13 through 28 are mainly about Paul.

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Author:

- Luke 1:3 vs. Acts 1:1
- Luke

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Date Written:

- 68?

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Recipients:

- 1:1
- Theophilus
- “All God-loving people”

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Purpose:

- 1:2
- “After giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.”
- He’s going to tell us what happened to those apostles as the Holy Spirit worked with and through them.

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Key Chapter (Required Reading):

- The Holy Spirit Arrives!
- Chapter 2

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Key Verse:

- Acts 1:8
- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...to the ends of the earth.”

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Acts 1-12 TCF #1

- Early Church
- What do they need?
- What do they have?
- Why was Acts written?

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Acts 1-12 TCF #2

- Who becomes the leaders?
- What makes a good leader?
- What Qualities make a good leader?

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Acts 1-12 TCF #2

- Good Speaker? NO.
- Famous? NO.
- Pharisee or Sadducee (Religious Leader)? NO.
- Political Leader? NO.
- Jesus Disciple? YES.
- Chosen by God? YES.
- Jesus' Inner Circle? YES.

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Acts 1-12 TCF #3

- If the Old Testament was the Era of
The Father _____,
- and the Gospels were the Era of
The Son _____,
- then Acts to the Present is the Era of
The Holy Spirit _____.

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Acts 1-12 TCF #4

- Story of Peter
- Change in his person
- John 18:24-27 and 20:9

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Acts 1-12 TCF #5

- Stephen as Martyr
- (Chapters 6 and 7)
- The first Martyr: person who chooses to die or suffer rather than renounce a religious faith

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Acts 1-12 TCF #6

- Saul's Persecution
- 1:1 "And Saul approved of his execution..."^{ESV}
- Who was Saul?

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Acts 1-12 TCF #6

- Saul's Transformation
- From WAY over THERE to WAY over HERE.

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Acts 13-28 TCF #1

- ▷ The Transformation of Paul
- ▷ Remember Chapter 9-- becomes a Christian
- ▷ Chosen by God to lead His new Church

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Acts 13-28 TCF #1

- ▶ Paul speaks with authority
- ▶ Paul is working through/with/by the Holy Spirit.

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TCF #2

- ▶ Paul writes 13 letters through/with/in/by the Holy Spirit

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TCF #3

- ▶ What's important? In nearly every speech in Acts, Peter, Paul or Stephen talk about 3 things:
 - ▶ 1. The promises of God from the OT are now fulfilled
 - ▶ 2. The Messiah has come in Jesus Christ.
 - ▶ 3. All who hear should repent and be baptized.

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Acts 13 TCF #4

- ▶ 1. Paul goes into Jewish synagogues to preach.
- ▶ 2. People are being converted to Christianity and it's spreading.
- ▶ 3. Paul and Barnabas receive death threats.

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TCF #4

- ▶ Paul's 1st Missionary Journey:
- ▶ Chapters 13 & 14
- ▶ To Galatia

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Acts 13-28 TCF #5: Council of Jerusalem Chapter 15

- ▶ 1. First Crisis of Theology in the New Religion
- ▶ 2. Peter, James, Paul and Barnabas spoke.
- ▶ 3. Decided (15:19) to make it EASY for Gentiles who turn to God to become Christians. (Genesis 17 contains the Covenant of Circumcision).
- ▶ 4. JoGoF
- ▶ 5. Write a letter to Gentiles.

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TCF #6

- ▶ Paul's 2nd Missionary Journey
- ▶ Paul visits Derbe, Lystra, Troas, Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth
- ▶ Returns to Antioch
- ▶ 15:36 to 18:22

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TCF #7

- ▶ Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey
- ▶ 18:23 through 21:16
- ▶ Galatia, Ephesus

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TCF #8

- ▶ Paul's 4th Missionary Journey:
- ▶ Chapters 21:17 through 28
- ▶ Going to Rome

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Activity to Remember

Jeopardy!

God is the source of all of our joy;
Philippians 3: 7

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Life Lessons from Acts

- ▶ "Acts is a 'success story' of missions, thanks to the power of the Holy Spirit" (ITBOTB).
- ▶ How can you tell that the Holy Spirit was with the apostles throughout this book?
- ▶ How can you tell that the Holy Spirit is with you throughout your life?

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Thanks for watching!

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