

Acts

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- 1. Why were the apostles to stay in Jerusalem? What were they waiting for? When would this happen?
- 2. What question was asked of the apostles after Jesus' ascension? How will Jesus return to the earth (Matt. 16:27)?
- 3. How many apostles are recorded in Scripture as of the end of Acts 1?
- 4. When the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, what did they do? What verse(s) from chapter 1 do these events correspond to?
- 5. Who heard the sound from heaven? What was their response?
- 6. What explanation did the mockers give for these things?
- 7. The people were saying to one another, "what does this mean" (2:12). What does Peter say it meant?
- 8. What accusation does Peter make to the Jews (2:36)?
- 9. In 2:37 what does "pierced" (NAS) or "pricked" (KJ) mean? What attitude of heart can be determined by their question?
- 10. Verse 40 has Peter exhorting the Jews to "be saved." A. How did they accomplish this?
 - B. What word did they receive?
- 11. Who does the adding to the church (2:47)?

Acts 3

- 1. How does the beggar's physical condition in verse 2 compare with those who are supposedly 'miraculously healed' today?
- 2. Describe what the healing would have looked like based on verse 7. What physically changed in his condition?
- 3. What was the result of this miracle in the witnesses?
- 4. What point(s) in Peter's sermon (v.12–19) do you believe would have been of particular interest to the listeners?
- 5. What were these people told to do to receive forgiveness?
- 6. Explain what "times of refreshing" are (v.19).
- 7. How powerfully would Peter's reference to Moses (v.22) and Abraham (v.25) have impacted the hearers?
- 8. What are "these days" announced by the prophets (v.24)?

1.	What were the priests and Sadducees upset about?
2.	What was the result of Peter and John's preaching in chapter 3 (4:4)?
3.	What importance does Peter attach to the name of Jesus (v.12)?
4.	What were the Jewish leaders amazed about as they watched Peter speak (v.13)?
5.	What reply did the priests offer to Peter's statement (v.14–18)?
6.	Why did Peter and John refuse to obey (vs. 19–20)? Scripture says to obey those in authority (Titus 3:1)!
7.	After hearing of what the elders did and said to Peter and John, what was the prayer of the believers (vs. 24–30)?
8.	Describe the unity in the church according to Acts 4. A. Where did the church exist geographically?
	B. Why were some having to sell their property (vs.32–37)?

9. Why was money laid at the apostles feet (vs. 35, 37)?

- 1. What did it mean to sail "under the shelter of Cyprus" (27:4), "under the shelter of Crete" (27:7), and "under the shelter of...Claudia" (27:16)?
- 2. What did Paul "perceive" (v.10)? Was this HIS determination or a vision from GOD?
- 3. What was the concern about "wintering" in a harbor? What does this tell us about the length of this voyage?
- 4. What was a "equraquilo" (v.14)?
- 5. Explain what was done to the ship in 27:16–17.
- 6. How did Paul know there would be no loss of life (27:21–26)? How does this compare with his earlier perceptions?
- 7. What did the sailors attempt to do (27:27–32)?
- 8. When the ship became stuck on a reef, what was the plan of the soldiers (27:41–44)? Why?
- 9. Why did the natives of Malta think Paul was a god (28:1–6)?
- 10. Why did Paul heal some (28:7–10)?
- 11. Who met Paul at Rome (28:11–15)? Is it who you would have expected?
- 12. How was Paul imprisoned in Rome (28:16)?
- 13. What "sect" is referred to in 28:22?
- 14. How many were coming to hear Paul speak (28:23)?
- 15. What was their response to the gospel message (28:24–31)?

1. Why such a severe punishment for Ananias and Sapphira?

- 2. How was this a test of the Spirit of the Lord (v.9)?
- 3. What was the result of these things (v.11)?
- 4. How was the church growing at this point in time? How had the reputation of the apostles spread? (vs.14–16)
- 5. What event perplexed the Jewish leaders (v.24)?
- 6. Who was more popular with the people now, the apostles or Jewish leaders (v.26)?
- 7. When brought before the council again, what is said to Peter and what is suspiciously overlooked (v.28)?
- 8. Peter's reply to why he did these things was: "we must obey God rather than men" (v.29). How does this passage apply to religion today?
- 9. Based on this response (vs. 28–34), what were the intentions of the Jewish elders?
- 10. Who prevented this and how (vs. 34–39)?
- 11. What was the attitude of the apostles after being flogged? Did this stop them from speaking boldly (vs. 40–42)?

- 1. What complaint arose among the believers (6:1)?
- 2. How did the apostles take care of this (6:2-6)?
- 3. Of what significance was the laying on of the apostles hands (v.6)?
- 4. Relate again the state of the church at this point in Acts. What are we told in this chapter (6:7)?
- 5. What do we know of Stephen (6:8–10)?
- 6. What charges were brought against Stephen (6:11–14)?
- 7. How did Stephen take advantage of the opportunity to speak (7:1–50)?
- 8. What do you suppose might have been the thinking of the elders during verses 1–50?
- 9. What stinging accusation does Stephen make (v.51)?
- 10. If Stephen was full of "wisdom and the Spirit" (6:10), do you think he knew what would be the result of his preaching? What might this reveal of his character?
- 11. Define "cut to the quick" (7:54).
- 12. Who rushed upon Stephen? Why did they cover their ears (7:57)?
- 13. What two statements does Stephen make while being stoned?

- 1. How did Agrippa's knowledge of the Jews differ from Felix and the Centurion who Paul had already spoken to (vs. 1–3)?
- 2. What does Paul tell us of his own attitude and motivations prior to his conversion (vs. 4–11)?
- 3. What do we know of this light that shone around Paul (v.13)?
- 4. Give the meaning of "kick against the goads" (v.14).
- 5. From all three accounts of Paul's meeting with Jesus (9:15–16; 22:12–16; 26:16–18), what was he told his purpose was to be?
- 6. How did Paul "not prove disobedient to the heavenly vision" (v. 19)?
- 7. How does Paul take advantage of this audience as an opportunity to preach the gospel (v.20–27)?
 - A. Festus, who had supposedly heard these things already, thought what about Paul (v.24)?
 - B. How did Paul defend himself against the accusation of Festus (v.25–27)?
 - C. When Agrippa broke his silence, what was his statement (v.28)? How might this have affected him politically?
- 8. What was Agrippa's determination upon hearing Paul's case (vs. 30–32)? Does he provide any help to Festus' problem of writing charges down for Caesar?

- 1. Who was Tertullus? Why was he present? (24:1)
- 2. How did the Jews approach at prosecution differ from their presentation before Felix (24:2–9)?
- 3. What does Paul say of the charges the Jews brought against him (24:10–13)?
- 4. What did Paul admit (24:14-21)?
- 5. Why did Felix put off the Jews (24:22–23)?
- 6. What message of truth was Paul preaching to Felix (24:24)?
- 7. Why did Felix become frightened (24:25)?
- 8. What does it mean, "he was hoping that money would be given him by Paul" (v.26)?
- 9. How many of those who made an oath (23:12) kept it (24:27)?
- 10. Did the Jews forget about Paul? Why was their anger so strong? (25:1–4)
- 11. Why did Paul appeal to Caesar (25:6–12)? What is significant about this?
- 12. Who was Agrippa (25:13)? What was his position in the government?
- 13. In 25:19, what does Festus say the accusations of the Jews were?
- 14. Why did Festus want Agrippa to hear Paul's case (25:23-27)?

- 1. What role did Saul take after the stoning of Stephen (vs.1–3)?
- 2. What was the result of the persecution (v.4)?
- 3. What did "proclaiming Christ" (v.5) include? (Cite references from verses 5–13)
- 4. Why had the people of Samaria given attention to Simon (vs.9–11)?
- 5. What was the response of the other apostles upon hearing of the converts in Samaria (v.14)?
- 6. How was the Holy Spirit bestowed (vs.14–17)? What did this mean?
- 7. What was the sin of Simon? How was he told to return to a right relationship with God? (v.18–23)
- 8. How did Philip end up in the middle of a wilderness (vs.25–27)?
- 9. What do we know of the man from Ethiopia (vs.27-28)?
- 10. Philip "preached unto him Jesus" (v.35). What did this include?
- 11. When did Philip complete the task he was sent to do (vs. 35–40)?
- 12. At what point was the Eunuch able to rejoice (v.39)?
- 13. How did Philip arrive at Azotus (v.40)? What did he do there?

- 1. How determined was Saul against Christians? What would the Jewish leaders have thought of him? (vs.1–2)
- 2. Was the voice from heaven something only Saul could hear (vs.3–7)?
- 3. What was Saul told he "must do" (v.6)?
- 4. What can we surmise by Saul fasting for three days (v.9)?
- 5. What reputation did Saul have in Damascus (vs.13-14)?
- 6. What did Jesus say was His plan for Saul (vs.15–16)?
- 7. When and why did Saul end his fast (vs.17–19)?
- 8. What changes did the believers in Damascus see in Saul (vs.19-22)?
- 9. How did the Jewish leaders come to view Saul (v.23)?
- 10. What problems did Saul face when he came to Jerusalem? Who spoke up on his behalf? (vs.26–28)
- 11. After the conversion of Saul, what happened to the persecution that began with Stephen's stoning (v.31)?
- 12. Why did those in Lydia and Sharon turn to the Lord (vs.32–35)?
- 13. What good things do we know of Tabbitha (Dorcas) (vs.36-43)?

- 1. Why was it significant for Paul to mention he was educated under Gamaliel and strictly at that (22:1–3)? What did he hope to gain by this statement?
- 2. As Paul recounts his conversion on the road to Damascus, tell what is different in this account (22:6–16) than the first one in Acts 9.
- 3. Another time Jesus appeared to Paul. What did He say (22:17–21)?
- 4. What was the response of the Jewish listeners (22:22–24)?
- 5. Why was the commander afraid (22:25–29)?
- 6. How did the Centurion decide to get to the bottom of the disturbance (22:30)?
- 7. What was Paul's opening statement? Give it's meaning and the response (23:1–4).
- 8. Why does Paul seemingly apologize in 23:5?
- 9. How did dissension arise causing the assembly to be divided (23:6–10)?
- 10. Why would Jesus' statement in 23:11 been significant to Paul?
- 11. What oath did some Jews make (23:12–15)? What ambush did they plan?
- 12. How serious was the Centurion about protecting a Roman Citizen (23:16–24)?
- 13. In the letter he wrote to Felix (23:25–30), how did the Centurion paint his actions? What does he state was his determination after the assembly of Jewish leaders he ordered?
- 14. What was to take place in the presence of Felix (23:31–35)? How might Paul have felt about this?

- 1. Trace the cities Paul stopped at in the first 17 verses (use a map).
- 2. While at Tyre, what did the disciples try to prevent Paul from doing (v. 4)?
- 3. Assuming this is the same Philip (vs. 8–9) we read about in Acts 8, what do we learn of his attitude toward Paul? Is this what we might expect from most men?
- 4. What message did Agabus give Paul (vs. 10–14)?
 - A. What was the response of the people who heard this?
 - B. What did Paul say he was ready for?
- 5. How did the Christians in Jerusalem receive Paul (vs. 15–17)?
- 6. What did Paul report to all the elders in Jerusalem (vs. 18–20)?
- 7. Why did Christians desire for Paul to "keep the Law" (v.24)? Wasn't this a denial of the New Covenant in Christ?
- 8. What was the response of the Jews upon seeing Paul in the temple (vs. 27–28)? Would Paul have known any of these people?
- 9. What false assumption did the Jews make about Paul (vs. 29–30)?
- 10. What were the Jews seeking to do with Paul? How was this stopped (v. 31)?
- 11. The Centurion had trouble gathering the facts. Who did he think Paul was (v. 32–40)?
- 12. Do you think it is odd that Paul would be allowed to address the mob while in custody (v.40)? Why didn't he claim his Roman citizenship at this time?

- 1. What was the attitude of Cornelius about God (vs.1–2)?
- 2. What was Cornelius' response to the angel's message (vs.3–9)?
- 3. What vision did Peter receive three times? What was the meaning? (vs.9–23)
- 4. The meeting of Cornelius and Peter was a very unusual occurrence. Who was present when they finally met (vs.23–33)?
- 5. According to verse 28 what was Peter's understanding of the events taking place?
- 6. What did Peter finally understand about the gospel message (v.34–35)?
- 7. When the Holy Spirit "fell upon all who were listening" (v.44), what does this mean?
- 8. What comparison does Peter make in verse 47?
- 9. The events which occurred with Cornelius' household are often referred to as a "Holy Spirit baptism" (based on Acts 1:5). Some argue strongly that all we need to be right with God is "Holy Spirit baptism." Why would you disagree with this? What are we told in this chapter that refutes such a claim?

- 1. What was the response of the Jewish believers in Jerusalem who heard of Peter's actions from chapter 10 (vs.1-3)?
- 2. What new information do we learn of Peter's re–telling of the events in chapter 10? (vs.5–15)

- 3. What words of Jesus did Peter remember? How did this impress Him? (v.16)
- 4. After Peter's statements of justification for his actions, what was the response of the circumcised believers (v.18)?
- 5. As we have done in earlier chapters, tell what we know about the status of the church at this point in time (vs.19–24).
- 6. The term "Christian" was first used in Antioch (v.26).
 - A. What was the sense in which it was originally used? (You will need to refer to a Bible Dictionary or other source).
 - B. Define "Christian" as used in English today (using a dictionary).
 - C. According to verse 26 define "Christian."
- 7. Who was Agabus (v. 28)? What was the result of his message?
- 8. What is learned about the attitude of the believers toward Saul (v.30)?

- 1. Why did Paul leave Greece (vs. 1–3)?
- 2. Why did Paul have so many men travelling with him (v.4)?
- 3. What time of day might the church have gathered on the first day of the week? (vs. 7–12)
 - A. Explain what happened to Eutychus.
 - B. Do you suppose people were more attentive after this?
 - C. What was the purpose of gathering together on the first day of the week?
- 4. Why was Paul in a hurry to get to Jerusalem(vs. 13–16)?
- 5. After stopping in Miletus, who did Paul call to him (v. 17)?
- 6. How did Paul say he taught the Ephesians and those in Asia (v. 20)? How ought we to teach others?
- 7. Of what was Paul SURE about this journey to Jerusalem (vs. 22–25)?
- 8. What charge did Paul give these elders (vs. 26–30)?
 - A. Is this applicable to all elders?
 - B. Where do false teachers come from and what is their plan?
- 9. What is able to "build us up" and give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified (v. 32)?

- 1. When Paul arrived in Ephesus, what question did he ask certain disciples (vs. 1–7)?
 - A. What was their reply?
 - B. What had John taught the people who had received "his" baptism?
 - C. When these disciples heard the teaching of Paul, what did they do?
 - D. When did the Holy Spirit come upon these people? What gifts did they receive?
- 2. When those at the synagogue spoke evil of "the way," where did Paul go to do his disputing (vs. 8–10)? How often did he teach there? For how long?
- 3. What special miracles were worked by the hands of Paul (vs. 11–12)?
- 4. What were some of the vagabond Jews attempting (vs. 13–17)? What response did they get?
- 5. Many of the superstitious people who had used curious arts (magic) now show their repentance by doing what (vs. 18–20)?
- 6. What man stirred up a great number of people against Paul (vs. 23–27)?
- 7. What two companions of Paul were taken into the theatre by the mob (v. 29)?
- 8. What is stated concerning the extent of the confusion of the majority of this mob (assembly), which is typical of most mobs (v. 32)?
- 9. Who finally appeased the people? What did he say Demetrius and the craftsmen with him could do if they had a matter against anyone? (vs. 35–41).

1. What new persecution arose against the Christians? Why? Who was it specifically directed against (vs.1-5)?

- 2. How many soldiers were guarding Peter (v.6)? What was Herod's plan?
- 3. Describe the prison and guard set-up as best you can (vs.6–10).
- 4. What did Peter think was happening (v.9)?
- 5. Upon realizing what had happened, where did Peter go (v.12)? What was going on there?
- 6. What was Herod's reaction the next day (vs.18–19)?
- 7. Why was Herod struck dead by God (vs.20–23)? How was this accomplished?
- 8. Despite the persecution begun at the start of the chapter, what was the result with the believers (v.24)?
- 9. What mission had Barnabus and Saul fulfilled (v.25)?

- 1. Who was in the church at Antioch? How might have the Spirit spoken to them? (vs.1–2)
- 2. Why were some laying their hands on Barnabus and Saul (v. 3)?
- 3. Who was Bar-Jesus (Elymas) and what happened to him? Why did this happen to him? (vs.6–12)
- 4. What pattern of teaching do we see being established as they enter a city? Where do they begin? (vs. 13–14)
- 5. When Paul spoke to the Jews in Pisidian Antioch he gave a brief overview of the history of the Jews. What did he remind them John was saying (v. 25)?
- 6. What did Paul affirm of those who lived in Jerusalem (vs. 26–31)?
- 7. What was the good news Paul was preaching (v. 32)?
- 8. What was taught as necessary for forgiveness of sins (vs. 38–39)?
- 9. What was the response to their preaching by the Jews and proselytes (vs. 42–43)?
- 10. What was the response of the Jewish leaders (vs. 44–45)?
- 11. Why did Paul and Barnabus shake the dust off their feet (v. 51)?

- 1. Upon arriving in Corinth, from Athens, who did Paul stay with (vs. 1–4)? What was their occupation?
- 2. When the Corinthians heard the gospel preached, what was their reaction (vs. 5–8)?
- 3. What did Jesus say to Paul (vs. 9–11)? Why might this message have been needed?
- 4. Once again Paul is dragged before the authorities (v. 12). What was the accusation this time? What was different this time?
- 5. What happened to Sosthenes (v.17)?
- 6. Why did Paul have his hair cut (v. 18)?
- 7. What was Paul doing as he traveled through Galatia and Phrygia (vs. 23)?
- 8. Who was Apollos (v.24–28)?
 - A. How does his education compare with Paul's?
 - B. What kind of a preacher was Apollos?
 - C. Was he sincere in his belief which needed correction?
 - D. What attitude did he display about hearing truth?
 - E. Understanding that many details are left out of the Bible, do you believe Apollos was baptized into Christ? Why or why not?

Lesson 15

Acts 17

Acts 14

Lesson 12

- 1. What was Paul's usual practice in preaching to the Jews when he went from city to city (vs. 1–2)?
- 2. What did Paul preach when he went into the synagogue at Thessalonica? What was the result of his preaching? (vs. 3–4)
- 3. What action was resorted to be the unbelieving Jews? What charge was made against Paul and Silas? Against Jason? (vs. 5–9)
- 4. When the people of Berea heard the word, what did they do (vs. 10–12)?
- 5. What did the unbelievers in Thessalonica do when they heard Paul was preaching in Berea (vs. 13)?
- 6. From Berea, where did Paul go? What was the spiritual condition of the people when Paul got there (vs. 16)?
- 7. What is the "Areopagus" (v. 19)?
- 8. Consider Paul's "sermon on Mar's Hill" (vs. 22-31).
 - A. Did he accuse the people of Athens of not being religious?
 - B. Who were the Athenians ignorantly worshipping?
 - C. God does not need man to devise anything to help Him seeing He has given what to man?
 - D. As the offspring of God, we should not think of Him as being like unto what things?
 - E. Although there was a time that God overlooked ignorance,

 He now commands all men to do what?
- 9. What were the various reactions of the people when they heard Paul preach concerning the resurrection (vs. 32–34)?

- 1. In Iconium, what were the two results of the preaching (vs. 1–2)?
- 2. Though some were embittered against them, what was the attitude of Barnabus and Paul (v. 3)?
- 3. What did the preachers become aware of and what was their response (vs.4–7)?
- 4. What miracle did Paul perform? Why was this done? Did it have the desired result with the people? (vs. 8–11)
- 5. What were the people calling Barnabus and Paul (vs. 12–18)? A. What did Paul call "these things"?
 - B. How successful were they at stopping the people?
- 6. What were the Jews finally able to accomplish (v.19)?
- 7. From verse 20 what do you suppose the disciples thought of Paul? Did a miracle occur?
- 8. How many congregations were established (v.23)?
- 9. When elders are appointed today they are generally men the congregation has known for some time. How were Paul and Barnabus able to appoint elders so quickly (v. 23)?
- 10. What did Paul and Barnabus do upon arriving back in Antioch (v. 24–28)? How might this relate to our modern practice of receiving reports from preachers we help support?

- 1. What caused Paul and Barnabus to have "great dissension and debate" with some of the brethren (v. 1)?
- 2. Knowing Paul was an apostle, what was the decision after the debate? How might this have made Paul feel (v. 2)?
- 3. What was the attitude toward these things in Jerusalem (v. 3–5)?
- 4. Why (in verse 6) were the elders included to look into this matter?
- 5. What did James say that seemed to end the debate (v. 13–21)?
- 6. How was this communicated to the congregations (vs. 22–23)?
- 7. What were the two things which were "laid upon" the Gentile believers and why? Were these things sinful in God's sight? (v. 29)
- 8. From verse 25 what was the result of all the debate among the apostles and elders?
- 9. How was the letter received in Antioch (vs. 30–31)?
- 10. What does verse 33 give as the result of the believers being of one mind?
- 11. Why did Paul not want to take John-Mark (v. 38)?
- 12. Will "sharp disagreements" occur in the church such as occurred with Paul and Barnabus (vs. 36–41)? Is this the same as "squabbling" over petty things?

- 1. What do we know of Timothy (vs. 1–2)?
- 2. Why was he circumcised (v. 3)?
- 3. What was being delivered by Paul and those with him (v. 4)? What was the result of their preaching?
- 4. Why did they not preach in the regions of Phrygia and Galatia? Where were they sent? By whom? (vs. 6–10)
- 5. Describe the believers they found in Philippi. Were was the Jewish Synagogue? (v. 13)
- 6. At what point did Lydia judge herself to be faithful (v. 15)?
- 7. Why was the spirit excised from the young girl (vs. 16–18)?
- 8. What did she say Paul and Silas were preaching (vs. 16–18)?
- 9. Why were Paul and Silas brought before the authorities? What punishment were they given? (vs. 19–24)
- 10. What was peculiar about the earthquake (vs. 25–26)?
- 11. Why was the jailer about to kill himself (v. 27)?
- 12. What answer was the jailer given to his question, "what must I do to be saved?" (vs. 30–34)
 - A. Is this all he was told?
 - B. When did the jailer rejoice?
- 13. What word from Paul made the Philippian authorities afraid (v. 37)? Why?
- 14. When asked to leave the city, what did Paul and Silas do (v.40)?