

Book of Acts – Session One

New Testament Books

- 4 Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, John
- 21 Epistles – Paul (14), Peter (2), James (1), Jude (1), John (3)
- 1 Prophetic - Revelation
- 1 History – Acts

Book of Acts

- Written by Luke – Gentile, Physician, Paul’s companion,
- Highest level of Greek in NT.
- Historically accurate
- First 40 years of the church.
- Two major apostles: Peter/Paul
- Major Events
 - Pentecost
 - Early church persecution
 - Signs and Wonders
 - Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, the ends of the earth
 - Martyrdom of Stephen
 - Call of Paul
 - Gentile Pentecost
 - Council of Jerusalem
 - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Missionary Journeys
 - Mars Hill - Athens
 - Paul before Sanhedrin, Felix, Festus, Agrippa
 - Paul to Rome

Acts Chapter One

- VS 4 – the promise of the Father – Luke 24:49
- VS 5 – Baptized with the Holy Spirit
- VS 8 – Power (*dunimas*) – Witnesses (martyrs)
- VS 9 – 11 - the Ascension and His return.
- VS 12-14 – the upper room – Mary, the mother of Jesus is there.
- VS 15 – 26 – Mathias to replace Judas.

Acts Chapter Two – Day of Pentecost and Peter’s First Sermon

Pentecost – one of the seven feasts of Israel.

- Spring Feasts
 - Passover
 - Unleavened Bread
 - First Fruits

FEAST OF PENTECOST

Fall Feasts

- Trumpets
- Yom Kippur – Great Day of Attonment
- Tabernacles

VS 1-4 - The coming of the Holy Spirit.

VS 5 – 13 - Descriptions and reaction.

VS 14 – 37 Peter’s First Sermon

- **Joel 2:28-32** – pour out my Spirit on all flesh.
 - Old and young will see visions and have dreams.
 - Wonders in sky, sun, and moon
 - Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.
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- **It is all about Jesus:**
 - Named – Jesus of Nazareth
 - Approved and attested by God.
 - Put to death, raised from the dead, we are witnesses.
 - Death could not hold Him.
 - David’s testimony- Psalm 16:8-11
 - Psalm 16 is not about David – his tomb is with us today.
 - Jesus is at the right hand of the Father.
- **What must we do?**
 - Repent
 - Be Baptized
 - Receive the Holy Spirit

- **What Happened?**
 - 3000 gladly received the word and were baptized.
 - Continued in the
 - Apostles Teaching
 - Fellowship
 - Breaking of Bread
 - Prayer
 - Signs and Wonders
 - Generosity and sharing to meet needs.
 - Having the favor of God and the people.
 - Church Growth.

Church Growth Model

- Preached the Word
- Acknowledged their need to Repent.
- Baptism (joined)
- Received the Holy Spirit (empowered)
- Discipled in teaching, prayer, and fellowship.
- Signs and Wonders
- Generosity
- Prayer and Worship daily
- Church grew.