

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Introduction:

The Acts of the Apostles is the fifth book of the New Testament. [Acts](#) is a sequel (*continuation*) to the Gospel of Luke. Luke, a physician who travelled with the apostle Paul, wrote both his Gospel and “Acts”, to a man called **Theophilus**. Theophilus comes from two Greek words – **theo** meaning “God” and **philein** which means, “to love” – meaning ‘lover of God’. Luke addresses him as “Your Excellency” indicating that he was a highly placed Roman Official and he seemed to be converted to Christianity.

Acts focuses on the beginnings of the Church, then on the work of Peter, and finally on the work of Paul. Luke wanted to show how the Church spread from Jerusalem all over Palestine and then to the Gentiles. One of the major themes in the book is the role of the Holy Spirit in guiding and strengthening the church as it spread across the world.

Whenever the followers of Jesus face opposition, a supernatural breakthrough occurs. In the early chapters of Acts, the apostles are repeatedly **arrested**, **jailed**, and **beaten**, yet the church continues to grow.

The simple message: the gospel is unstoppable because it is the work of God. God planned the gospel to go to both Jews and Gentiles.

“**Acts**” makes us realise how necessary was the gift of the Holy Spirit.

SUMMARY: Acts is a book of history. This book speaks of:

- The final instruction of Jesus to the apostles
- His ascension
- The descent of the promised Holy Spirit on the 12 apostles at Pentecost
- The forming of the church in Jerusalem
- Other cases of conversion
- The ministry of Philip, Peter, John, and others
- The missionary journeys of Paul
- In general the history of the early church.



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Chapter 1:



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. To whom was the Acts of the Apostles written? (Acts 1:1)

Answer: Theophilus

2. The Gospel of Luke presented Jesus' life through what event? (Acts 1:2)

Answer: The Gospel of Luke presented Jesus ministry and until the day Jesus was taken up to heaven.

3. Christ gave His commandments to the Apostles through Whom? (Acts 1:2)

Answer: The Holy Spirit

4. How long was Jesus seen with the Apostles following His Resurrection? (Acts 1:3)

Answer: Forty days.

5. How would the first Christians be baptized following Christ's Ascension? (Acts 1:5)

Answer: They would be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

6. What event does the book of Acts record as having occurred forty days after Christ's Resurrection from the dead? (Acts 1:1-11)

Answer: Christ's Ascension into Heaven.

7. From what mount did Christ ascend? (Acts 1:12)

Answer: Mount Olive.

8. Which woman was in the upper room following Christ's Ascension? (Acts 1:14)

Answer: Mary, the mother of Jesus.

9. What did Judas Iscariot buy with the money he got for betraying Jesus? (Acts 1:18)

Answer: A field.

10. What does "Akeldama" mean? (Acts 1:19)

Answer: "Field of Blood."

11. Judas Iscariot's death prophecy is found in what biblical book? (Acts 1:20)

Answer: Psalms.

12. Who was chosen to be the twelfth apostle? (Acts 1:23)

Answer: Matthias.

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Chapter 2:



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. On the day of Pentecost, as they were all with one accord in one place, what kind of sound from heaven did they hear? (Acts 2:2)

Answer: A sound like the rush of a violent wind

2. What appeared over Jesus' followers heads gathered at Pentecost? (Acts 2:3)

Answer: Divided tongues, as of fire.

3. The disciples were all filled with the _____ and began to speak with other tongues..." (Acts 2:4)

Answer: Holy Spirit

4. Why was the multitude confused with the noises that were being heard in the upper room? (Acts 2:6)

Answer: The multitude heard the disciples speak in the native language of each.

5. What did some people in Jerusalem believe to be the cause of the Christians' behavior at Pentecost? (Acts 2:13)

Answer: They were drunk with new wine.

6. According to Peter, a certain prophet had stated: "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh..." and went on to state how the events of this day had fulfilled the prophecy. To which prophet did Peter refer? (Acts 2:16)

Answer: Joel.

7. How was Jesus of Nazareth attested by God? (Acts 2:22)

Answer: By miracles, wonders, and signs.

8. Peter said, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made that same Jesus, whom you have crucified.", both-what? (Acts 2:36)

Answer: Lord & Messiah

9. What two things did St. Peter tell the crowd at Pentecost to do after they asked him, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:38)

Answer: Repent and be baptized

10. How many people were baptized at the conclusion of Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost? (Acts 2:41)

Answer: about 3000

11. The new followers continued steadfastly in the Apostles' Doctrine and fellowship, and in Prayers, and how else? (Acts 2:42)

Answer: and in breaking of bread

12. What did these new converts do with their possessions? (Acts 2:45)

Answer: They sold all their possessions & goods and parted them to the needy.

ANSWERS TO CLASS ACTIVITY – 19.09.2025

ACTS 1

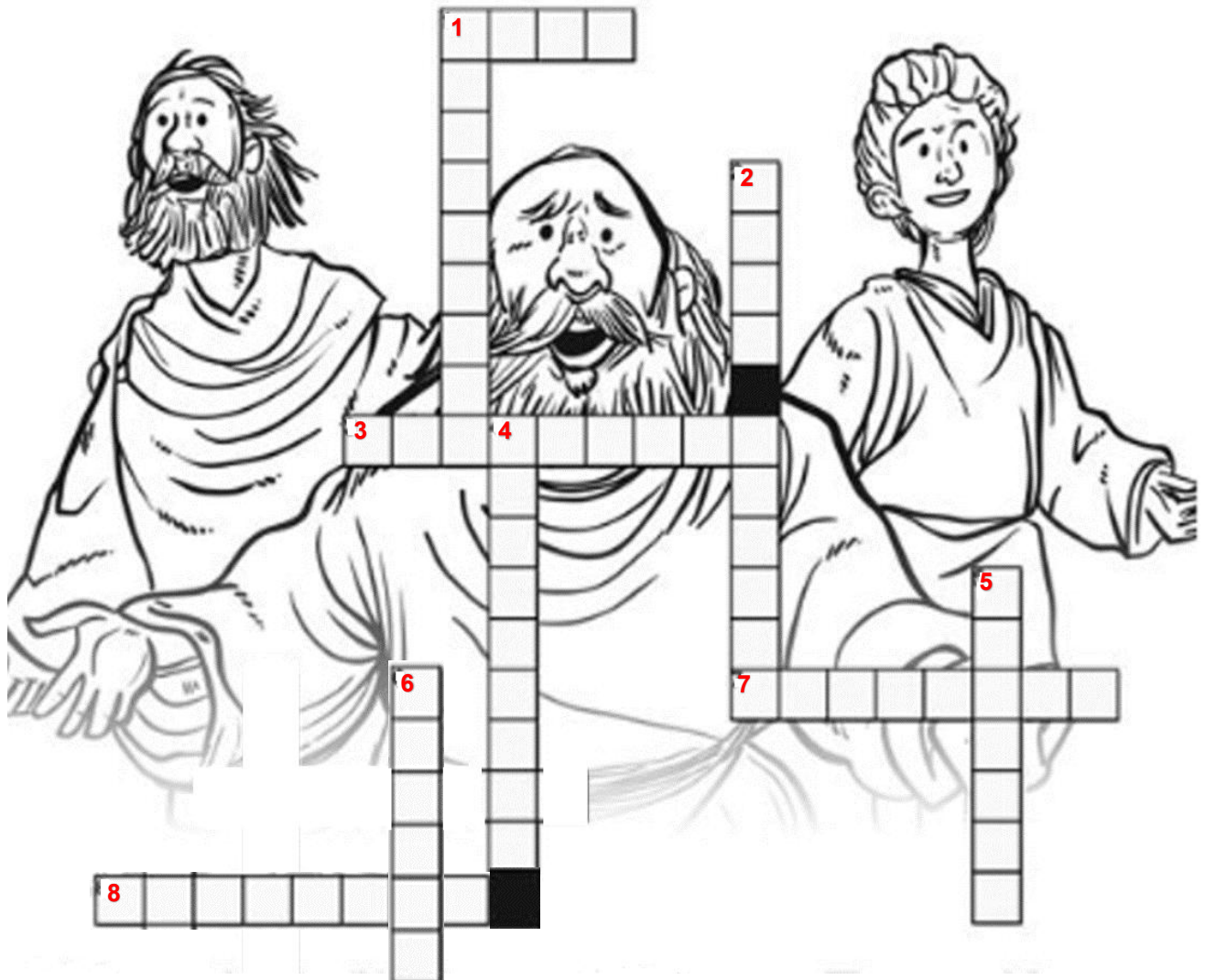
1. A woman present in the upper room following Christ's Ascension **MOTHER MARY**.
2. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to guide the apostles soon after his **ASCENSION**
3. After resurrection, for how many days Jesus stayed with his Apostles, speaking about the kingdom of God **40 DAYS**
4. Hakeldama was called **FIELD OF BLOOD**
5. John baptized with water, but the Apostles would be baptized with the **HOLY SPIRIT**
6. **MATTHIAS** was chosen to replace Judas.
7. Acts of the Apostles was written to **THEOPHILUS** and written by **ST. LUKE**.

ACTS 2

1. **DIVIDED TONGUES AS OF FIRE** appeared among them, and rested on each of them and they were filled with the **HOLY SPIRIT**.
2. **AMAZED** and **ASTONISHED** with the power of the Holy Spirit, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking **GALILEANS**?"
3. "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken"
Who said this **DAVID**
4. **REPENT** and be **BAPTIZED** every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the **GIFT** of the Holy Spirit
5. **JESUS OF NAZARETH** a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs.

THE ASCENSION AND PENTECOST

Luke 24:50-53, Acts 1-2



Across

1. The disciples had the big job of spreading the good news of Jesus's **Life**, resurrection and death to the world.
3. Jesus said "Go and make **Disciples** of all nations.
7. That day, **three Thousand** people were brought into God's family
8. Peter ran out into the crowded streets and told everyone in their own language "Repent and be **Baptized**"

Down

1. When the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples they could speak new **Languages**.
2. Who did Jesus say was coming after he left. **Holy Spirit**
4. What was another name Jesus gave to the Holy Spirit **Counselor**
5. After a final lesson, the **Heaven** opened, and Jesus rose up into the sky.
6. What appeared on the Disciples' head. **Flames**

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Chapter 3:



QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. How long had the lame man suffered from his infirmity? (Acts 3:2)
Answer: He was lame from birth
2. What was the name of the gate to which the lame man was taken? (Acts 3:2)
Answer: Beautiful Gate.
3. Peter commanded the lame man: "In the name of _____ of Nazareth, stand up and walk." (Acts 3:6) **Answer:** Jesus Christ
4. The lame man entered the temple with the disciples, walking and leaping, and _____. (Acts 3:8) **Answer:** Praising God
5. What was the name of the porch from which St. Peter preached? (Acts 3:11)
Answer: Solomon's Porch / Portico.
6. Who — instead of the Holy and righteous one — did the men of Israel ask to be granted to them? (Acts 3:14) **Answer:** A murderer.
7. Jesus Christ is the author of what? (Acts 3:15) **Answer:** Author of life.
8. What healed the lame man? (Acts 3:16) **Answer:** Faith in Jesus
9. "Repent therefore and _____, so that your sins may be wiped out." (Acts 3:19) **Answer:** turn to God
10. Who is Peter quoting when he says, "The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you."? (Acts 3:22) **Answer:** Prophet Moses
11. To whom did God say this: "And in your descendants all the families of the earth shall be blessed"? (Acts 3:25) **Answer:** Abraham
12. St. Peter's sermon: "To you first, God, having raised
13. up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to _____ you by turning each of you from your wicked ways."? (Acts 3:26) **Answer:** Bless

ACTS 3

1. These two disciples went to the temple **PETER AND JOHN**
2. Disciples went to the temple at the hour of **PRAYER (3'O CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON)**
3. Name of the gate where the lame man sat **BEAUTIFUL GATE**
4. Name of the porch/portico **SOLOMON**
5. God fulfilled what he had told thru the Prophets that the **MESSIAH** would suffer.
6. What made the lame man strong **FAITH IN THE NAME OF JESUS**
7. In whose descendants will all the families of the Earth be blessed **ABRAHAM**
8. 'The Lord your God will raise up for you from your own people a prophet like me. You must listen to whatever he tells you - Who said this **MOSES**