

The Book of Acts

Acts 1:1-8

Main Point:

Study the book of Acts so that you will be a faithful part of what Jesus is continuing to do.

1. The book of Acts is about the continued work of Jesus.
2. The book of Acts is about the continued work of Jesus through His people.
3. The book of Acts is about the continued work of Jesus through His people by the Holy Spirit.
4. The book of Acts is about the continued work of Jesus through His people by the Holy Spirit in the world.

Cross-References and Quotations

Luke 1:1-4 ¹ Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to set in order a narrative of those things which have been fulfilled among us, ² just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word delivered them to us, ³ it seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus, ⁴ that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were instructed. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson “In characterizing the contents of his Gospel as that which Jesus *began to do and teach*, Luke implies that the book of Acts will continue the story of Jesus’ deeds and words, though the mode of Jesus’ action and instruction undergoes a radical change because of his ascent to heaven.”

Dennis Johnson “We watch as the risen Lord uses apostles and prophets to lay the foundation of the church in its new covenant form ... and we discover the contours and priorities that must shape the church in our time as well.”

R. Kent Hughes “[The book of Acts] is the chronicle of the spreading flame of the Holy Spirit.”

Derek Thomas “Acts reminds us that the story of the church remains incomplete. There is, as is sometimes said, an ‘Acts 29’.”

Structure:

Acts 1-7 = witness to Jerusalem

Acts 8-12 - witness to Judea and Samaria

Acts 13-28 = witness to the end of the earth