



Acts of the Apostles Teacher's Outline

MODULE 1/6

I Founding of the Church - Acts 1-2

A. Introduction (1:1-6)

1. The Two Treatises (1:1,2)

a. The documents

- i. The former treatise - Gospel of Luke (Luke 1:1-4)
- ii. The latter treatise - Acts

b. The contents:

- i. Luke - the earthly ministry of Christ ("Concerning all that Jesus began to do and teach...")
- ii. Acts - the heavenly ministry of Christ (Christ's activity does not end at his ascension; He was building, growing and protecting His church eg Confronting Saul on Acts 9:4)

c. The writer:

- i. "We" passages of Acts 16:10, 11; 20:5, 6)
- ii. Luke, the beloved physician (Col. 4:14)
- iii. He was with Paul at Troas (Acts 16:10)
- iv. Was with Paul in Rome (2 Tim. 4:11; Phil. 24)

d. The recipient:

- i. Theophilus (Theo=God Philus=love; lover of God)
- ii. Probably a gentile Christian
- iii. A prominent person, probably a magistrate

2. The Forty Days (1:3-5)

a. The period between the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

b. He presented Himself alive to confirm His resurrection to His disciples

- i. Visibly - "appearing unto them"
- ii. Audibly - "speaking unto them"
- iii. Tangibly - Luke 24:39; John 20:26-29
- iv. Suddenly - Luke 24:13-31
- v. Intermittently - Acts 12:5; John 20:19-26

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- c. 10 appearances of the resurrected Christ:
 - i. To Mary on the first day of the week - Mark 16:9
 - ii. To other women - Matthew 28:9, 10
 - iii. To Peter alone - Luke 24:34
 - iv. To two disciples on road to Emmaus - Luke 24:13-32
 - v. To ten disciples (without Thomas) - John 20:19-25
 - vi. To eleven disciples (with Thomas) - John 20:26-29
 - vii. To the seven by the sea of Galilee - John 21:1-23
 - viii. To five hundred - Matthew 28:16-20
 - ix. To James alone (1 Cor. 15:7)
 - x. To all apostles - Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:3-8

- d: He instructed His disciples
 - i. "Speaking concerning the kingdom of God"
 - ii. "Charged them not to depart from Jerusalem..."
 - iii. "But to wait..."
 - Where: Jerusalem
 - Why: for the promise of the Father
 - How long: not many days hence

B. The Ascension (1:6-11)

- 1. The conversation (6-8)
 - a. The question: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"
 - b. The reply: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons"
 - c. The promise: "But ye shall receive power..."
 - d. The commission: "ye shall be witnesses unto me... unto the uttermost part of the earth."

- 2. The action (9)
 - a. Immediately: "And when he had spoken these things"
 - b. Witnessed: "While they beheld"
 - c. In a cloud: "He was taken up"

- 3. The presence of Angels (10-11)
 - a. 2 Angels: "two men stood by them in white apparel"
 - b. Question: "Why stand ye gazing up into heaven?"
 - c. Assurance: "this same Jesus... shall so come in like manner"

C. The Ten Days (1:12-26)

1. Period: 10 days
2. Place: "Upper Room" in Jerusalem (12-13)
3. What: United in prayer (14)
4. Who: 120 persons including (15)
 - a. The 11 disciples
 - b. Mother of Jesus
 - c. Relatives of Jesus (John 7:3-5)
5. Why: Waiting for the Holy Spirit (4)
6. Peter's leadership (15-26)
 - a. Explained the fall of Judas
 - b. Set forth the need to fill vacancy
 - c. Described qualifications of an apostle
 - d. Matthias was selected instead of Justus

D. The Coming of the Holy Spirit (2:1-13)

1. Time:
 - a. Day of Pentecost (Ex. 34:22)
 - b. First day of the week
 - c. 9:00am (Acts 2:15)
2. Who:
 - a. Not the multitude (6)
 - The multitude was in the audience
 - b. The 12 apostles (1:26-2:1)
3. The signs: (2-3)
 - a. Audible, like a mighty wind
 - b. Visible, like as of fire

4. Results: (4-13)
 - a. Begin to speak in different languages
 - b. Told the mighty works of God
 - c. There were amazement and admiration
 - d. Others scoffed

E. The Conversion of the Three Thousand (2:14-41)

1. The audience:
 - a. Jews and proselytes (10)
 - b. Devout men attending Pentecost
 - c. Jews of the dispersion (8-11)
2. The preacher:
 - a. Simon Peter (14)
 - b. Entrusted keys to the kingdom (Matt. 16:19)
 - c. Begotten again from Betrayer to Proclaimer (1 Peter 1:3)
3. The sermon:
 - a. Introduction - explanation (14-21)
 - b. Gospel - ie life, death and resurrection of Jesus (22-35)
 - c. Application - Jesus is Lord (36)
4. Sermon interrupted:
 - a. Why: Hearts were pricked (37)
 - b. Question: what shall we do?
 - c. Answer: repent and be baptized
 - d. Purpose: for the remission of sin
 - e. Promise: the gift of the Holy Spirit
5. Sermon continued:
 - a. Prolonged invitation (40)
 - b. Response: 3,000 baptized

F. The first Church of Christ (42-47)

1. The follow-up: They continued steadfastly in: (42)
 - a. Apostles' doctrine - grounding their new faith
 - b. Fellowship - drawing strength from each other
 - c. Breaking bread - Lord's Supper
 - d. Prayers - key to personal and church growth
2. Aftermath:
 - a. Time of wonder and signs (43)
 - b. All had things in common (44)
 - c. Every need was met(44-45)
 - i. Especially for outstation members
 - d. Great joy in temple and homes (46)
 - e. Praising God and pleasing all the people (47)
 - f. Daily additions to the church (47)