



# Acts

## **Background**

- Acts was written by Luke as a companion to his gospel record (Luke 1:1-4) (Acts 1:1-4).
- Because he was a ministry partner with Paul, Acts contains several pieces of firsthand history (16:10).
- Using eyewitness accounts and firsthand experience, Luke likely wrote Acts during Paul's house arrest in Rome. It covers the first thirty years of church history.
- Acts is a transition book. It is the link between the gospels and epistles, the disciples and the church, and the ministry of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

## **Roadmap**

### **1. The Witness to Jerusalem (1-7)**

- A. Power (1-4)
- B. Purging (5-6)
- C. Persecution (7)

### **2. The Witness to Judea and Samaria (8-9)**

- A. Phillip in Samaria (8)
- B. Paul's conversion (9)

### **3. The Witness to the Uttermost (10-28)**

- A. Peter: The Door Opens (10-12)
- B. Paul: The Uttermost Awaits (13-28)
  - i. First Journey (13-15:35)
  - ii. Second Journey (15:36-18:22)
  - iii. Third Journey (18:23-21:26)
  - iv. Journey to Rome (21:27-28)

## **Landmark**

Acts reveals the continuing Christ. It is the record of the ascended Christ empowering His people to accomplish His mission by the Holy Spirit(1:8).

## **Must See**

Jesus is the enthroned Lord who directs and empowers His mission by means of the Holy Spirit working through His people until He returns.

## **Takeaway**

1. All of God's people have a part in the mission: embrace it.
2. The mission will always be opposed: expect it.
3. The power of the Holy Spirit is sufficient to accomplish the mission: experience it.