

# Acts of the Apostles: Bible Study Outline

## Overview / Outline

- **A. Preparations for a Worldwide Witnessing Work (1:1-8)**
  - Address to Theophilus ([1:1, 2](#))
  - Jesus shows himself during 40 days and speaks about God's Kingdom ([1:3](#))
  - Jesus instructs the apostles to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promised holy spirit ([1:4, 5](#))
  - Jesus answers the apostles' question about when the kingdom will be restored to Israel ([1:6, 7](#))
  - Jesus commissions the apostles to be witnesses of him to the ends of the earth ([1:8](#))
- **B. From Jesus' Ascension to the Outpouring of Holy Spirit at Pentecost 33 C.E. (1:9-2:13)**
  - Jesus ascends to heaven, and the promise is made that he will come in the same manner ([1:9-11](#))
  - The apostles gather to pray, together with Jesus' mother and brothers ([1:12-14](#))
  - Matthias chosen to replace Judas as one of the Twelve ([1:15-26](#))
  - Holy spirit poured out on the disciples, who start to speak foreign languages ([2:1-4](#))
  - Jews from all parts of the Roman Empire hear about the magnificent things of God ([2:5-13](#))
- **C. Witnessing in Jerusalem (2:14-3:26)**
  - Peter quotes Joel's prophecy about the outpouring of holy spirit and God's illustrious day ([2:14-21](#))
  - Peter's speech provides Scriptural evidence that Jesus was resurrected and was made both Lord and Christ ([2:22-36](#))
  - Crowds respond to Peter's speech; about 3,000 get baptized ([2:37-41](#))
  - The disciples enjoy the apostles' teaching and the fellowship with one another ([2:42-47](#))
  - Peter heals a lame beggar at the temple gate called Beautiful ([3:1-10](#))
  - Peter speaks at Solomon's Colonnade ([3:11-18](#))
  - Peter admonishes the people to repent and turn around ([3:19-26](#))
- **D. Witnessing Despite Opposition (4:1-5:42)**
  - Peter and John arrested; believers now number about 5,000 men ([4:1-4](#))
  - Peter's defense before the Sanhedrin ([4:5-22](#))
  - The disciples pray for boldness to keep speaking God's word ([4:23-31](#))
  - The disciples share possessions ([4:32-37](#))
  - Ananias and Sapphira put God's spirit to the test ([5:1-11](#))
  - The apostles perform many signs ([5:12-16](#))
  - The apostles are imprisoned but are set free by an angel from God ([5:17-21a](#))
  - The apostles again brought before the Sanhedrin ([5:21b-32](#))
  - Gamaliel's advice about not to "be found fighting against God" ([5:33-40](#))
  - The apostles preach in the temple and from house to house ([5:41, 42](#))

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