

# ACTS OF THE APOSTLES



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# Acts Chapter One

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### A: Ascension and Apostle Chosen

#### Key Passage: Verse 35

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

#### Key People

Theophilus  
Jesus  
Apostles (Eleven are named)  
John (the Baptist)  
Two men in white apparel  
Mary  
The brothers of Jesus  
David  
Judas  
Joseph called Barsabas  
Matthias

#### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Judea  
Samaria  
Galilee  
Olivet  
Akel Dama

#### Key Words

Infallible  
Kingdom  
Baptized  
Witnesses  
Steadfastly  
Sabbath day's journey  
Supplication  
Disciples  
Guide  
Entrails  
Resurrection  
Surnamed  
Transgression  
Lot(s)

## Objectives

- Identify the work of the Holy Spirit
- Identify the references to apostolic authority
- Learn the history of the church and its work
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## Discussion Questions

1. What was done to prepare the apostles for their work?
2. What kind of proofs could Jesus have given of his resurrection?
3. What other passages besides Acts 1 promise the Holy Spirit to come upon the apostles?
4. What concept did the apostles have about the kingdom?
5. How did the ascension relate to preparing the apostles for their work?
6. What did the apostles do in the period after Jesus ascended?
7. What qualifications had to be met for Matthias to be an apostle?

# Acts Chapter Two

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### B: Beginning of the Church

#### Key Passage: Verse 36

“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

#### Key People

Peter  
Joel  
Jesus  
David

#### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Judea  
Nazareth

#### Key Words

Pentecost  
Tongues  
Utterance  
Devout  
Prophecy  
Visions  
Dreams  
Attested  
Foreknowledge  
Lawless  
Crucified  
Patriarch  
Oath  
Exalted  
Footstool  
Perverse  
Repent  
Baptized  
Church

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1. What happened on the day of Pentecost? What did it sound like? (Acts 2:1-4)
2. What were the apostles able to do? (Acts 2:5-13)
3. According to verse 33, who made the speaking in tongues possible? Can you see the triune nature of God in this verse?
4. What did Peter tell them to do? How many were baptized? Who added them to the church? (Acts 2:36-37)
5. In addition to speaking in tongues, what else did the apostles do?
6. How is the “gift of the Holy Spirit” related to the “promise” in verse 39?

# Acts Chapter Three

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### C: Cripple Cured

### Key Passage: Verse 19

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

### Key People

Peter

John

A lame man

Jesus Christ

Solomon

Abraham

Isaac

Jacob

Pilate

Moses

Samuel

### Key Places

Nazareth

Solomon’s Porch

### Key Words

Lame

Alms

Amazement

Ignorance

Foretold

Repent

Restoration

Iniquities

Covenant

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## Discussion Questions

1. What do we know about the man who was healed that proves that an obvious miracle was performed?
2. List four things this chapter states about the nature of miracles.
3. What were the three points of Peter’s sermon?
4. What evidence is given of the resurrection of Christ in this sermon?
5. How would you answer the idea that ignorance excuses our actions?

# Acts Chapter Four

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### D: Determined Disciples

### Key Passage: Verse 12

“Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

### Key People

Priests  
Captain of the Temple  
Sadducees  
Rulers, elders and scribes  
Annas  
Caiaphas  
John (v. 6)  
Alexander  
Peter  
Jesus  
John (v. 13)  
David  
Herod  
Pontius Pilate  
Joses - Barnabas

### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Nazareth  
Cyprus

### Key Words

Disturbed  
Resurrection  
Custody  
Cornerstone  
Rejected  
Uneducated  
Untrained  
Council  
Threats  
Boldness  
Possessors  
Proceeds  
Distributed

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who “came upon” Peter and John? Why did they do that? What did they do with them?
2. What was the council’s command to Peter and John? (v. 18) What was Peter and John’s reply to the council’s command? (vv. 19-20)
3. For what did the disciples pray? (v. 29)
4. How were the needy Christians relieved? (vv. 34-35)
5. How can studying the courage of Peter and John help you serve God?

# Acts Chapter Five

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### E: Empty Jail

### Key Passage: Verse 29

“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: ‘We ought to obey God rather than men.’”

### Key People

Ananias  
Sapphira  
Peter  
Satan  
High Priest  
Sadducees  
Angel of the Lord  
Council, elders, officers  
Jesus  
Gamaliel  
Theudas  
Judas of Galilee

### Key Places

Solomon’s Porch  
Jerusalem  
Galilee

### Key Words

Conceived  
Esteemed  
Tormented  
Indignation  
Securely  
Outcome  
Census  
Overthrow  
Worthy  
Suffer

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## Discussion Questions

1. What contrasts can be drawn between Barnabas and Ananias and Sapphira?
2. What drove Ananias and Sapphira to lie about the money they gave?
3. Why was the council so concerned when they heard that the apostles had escaped from prison?
4. What was Peter’s defense to the charge the council had made?
5. What was Gamaliel’s advice and why did he give it?



# Acts Chapter Six

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### F: First Deacons

#### Key Passage: Verse 7

“Then the word of God spread, and the number of disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.”

### Key People

The apostles (The twelve)

Hebrews

Hellenists

Stephen

Philip

Prochorus

Nicanor

Timon

Parmenas

Cyrenians

Alexandrians

Moses

Jesus

### Key Places

Jerusalem

Antioch

Cilicia

Asia

Nazareth

### Key Words

Distribution

Reputation

Synagogue

Induced

Blasphemous

Steadfastly

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## Discussion Questions

1. What complaint arose among the believers? How did the apostles take care of this?
2. Do you think the apostles thought that serving tables was beneath them? Why didn't they do it?
3. Of what significance was the laying on of the apostles' hands? (v. 6)
4. What effect did this incident have on the growth of the church? (v. 7)
5. What did those that opposed Stephen do in order to bring him before the council?

# Acts Chapter Seven

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

**G: Great Hero**

**Key Passage:** Verse 48

“However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands...”

### Key People

High priest	Moses
Stephen	Angel of the Lord
Abraham	Aaron
Chaldeans	Moloch
Isaac	Rephan
Jacob	Joshua
Joseph	David
Pharaoh	Solomon
Hamor	Jesus
12 Patriarchs	Saul

### Key Places

Mesopotamia  
Haran  
Egypt  
Canaan  
Shechem  
Midian  
Mount Sinai

### Key Words

Inheritance  
Descendants  
Bondage  
Circumcision  
Envious  
Famine  
Traacherously  
Expose  
Holy  
Oppression  
Oracles  
Pattern  
Stiff-necked  
Gnashed

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1. What did God command of Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia? What did Abraham do??
2. What does it mean when it says that Moses made all things “according to the pattern?”
3. What stinging accusation does Stephen make? (v. 51)
4. What two statements does Stephen make while being stoned to death?
5. Do you have trouble forgiving? How do you treat your brothers/sisters/friends when they have done something that hurt you?

# Acts Chapter Eight

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### H: How Can I

#### Key Passage: Verses 36-37

“Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’ Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And the eunuch said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’”

#### Key People

Saul  
Stephen  
Philip  
Simon  
Peter  
John  
The angel of the Lord  
Man of Ethiopia  
Candace  
Isaiah

#### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Judea  
Samaria  
City of Samaria  
Gaza  
Ethiopia  
Azotus  
Caesarea

#### Key Words

Consenting  
Persecution  
Devout  
Lamentation  
Havoc  
Sorcery  
Baptized  
Perish  
Poisoned  
Eunuch

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## Discussion Questions

1. What does it mean to “make havoc” of the church?
2. What was the result of the persecution that increased after Stephen’s death?
3. Who were the Samaritans? What makes their conversion so interesting?
4. What is included in “preaching Christ”?
5. What evidence can be given to show that Simon was in a lost condition after he was baptized?
6. What was Simon told to do to be forgiven?

# Acts Chapter Nine

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### I: I Am Jesus

### Key Passage: Verse 31

“Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.”

### Key People

Twelve disciples

Herod the tetrarch

John

Elijah

Peter

Moses

### Key Places

Bethsaida

Jerusalem

### Key Words

Power

Authority

Tabernacles

Betrayed

Dispute

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## Discussion Questions

1. Did Saul believe hurting Christians was the right thing to do? What changed his mind? What was his reaction to Jesus' visit with him?
2. What did Jesus say was His plan for Saul? How does this compare with Romans 11:13; 15:16; Galatians 2:7-9?
3. What problems did Saul face when he came to Jerusalem? Who spoke up on his behalf?
4. What do you think were some of the factors that contributed to the growth of the church as described in verse 31?
5. Describe Dorcus. What happened to her?

# Acts Chapter Ten

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### J: Jews Journey from Joppa

#### Key Passage: Verses 34-35

“Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.’”

### Key People

Cornelius  
Angel of God  
Simon Peter  
Simon  
Two household servants (of Cornelius)  
A devout soldier  
John (the Baptist)  
Jesus

### Key Places

Caesarea  
Joppa  
Judea  
Galilee  
Nazareth  
Jerusalem

### Key Words

Centurion  
Devout  
Alms  
Generously  
Memorial  
Trance  
Ordained  
Remission

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## Discussion Questions

1. Describe Cornelius. What was he like before Peter’s visit? Was that enough to save him?
2. What vision did Peter receive three times? What was the meaning?
3. Make a list of things that may encourage someone to be a respecter of persons. Why should we be glad that God is not a respecter of persons?
4. When the Holy Spirit “fell upon all who were listening,” what does this mean? What comparison does Peter make in verse 47?
5. The events which occurred with Cornelius’ household are often referred to as a “Holy Spirit Baptism.” Some argue strongly that all we need to be right with God is “Holy Spirit Baptism.” Why would you disagree with this? What are we told in this chapter that refutes such a claim? How many other cases of “Holy Spirit Baptism” can we read about in Scripture?

# Acts Chapter Eleven

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### K: Kingdom Includes Gentiles

#### Key Passage: Verse 26

“And when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for a whole year they assembled with the church and taught a great many people. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

### Key People

Apostles  
Brethren in Judea  
Peter  
John (the Baptist)  
Stephen  
Barnabas  
Saul  
Agabus  
Claudius Caesar

### Key Places

Judea  
Jerusalem  
Joppa  
Caesarea  
Phoenicia  
Cyprus  
Antioch  
Cyrene  
Tarsus

### Key Words

Circumcision  
Trance  
Common  
Unclean  
Baptized  
Withstand  
Hellenists  
Christians  
Prophets  
Famine

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## Discussion Questions

1. Why did Peter have to defend the baptism of Cornelius to the other Christians?
2. What new information do we learn of Peter’s re-telling of the events in chapter 10? (verses 5-15)
3. What, according to verse 19, had caused the disciples to scatter? How far did they go? To whom did they preach?
4. What does “Christian” mean? (11:26)
5. Discuss how Christians take care of fellow Christians (11:27-30)

# Acts Chapter Twelve

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### L: Liberated Again

### Key Passage: Verse 24

“But the word of God grew and multiplied.”

### Key People

Herod  
James (v. 2)  
John  
Peter  
Angel of the Lord  
Mary  
John Mark  
Rhoda  
James (v. 17)  
Blastus  
Barnabas  
Saul

### Key Places

Judea  
Caesarea  
Tyre  
Sidon  
Jerusalem

### Key Words

Harass  
Days of Unleavened Bread  
Passover  
Gird  
Expectation  
Astonished  
Oration

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## Discussion Questions

1. List the political moves you see in this chapter (by Herod or anyone else).
2. What do we learn about prayer in this chapter?
3. Why would God spare Peter but not James?
4. Those in Mary’s house were surprised. Did they not believe in the power of prayer?
5. What is the value of having prayer meetings like they had in this chapter?
6. What happened to Herod? Why?

# Acts Chapter Thirteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### M: Missionaries Sent Out

### Key Passage: Verse 2

“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”

### Key People

Barnabas	Saul (v. 21)
Simeon (Niger)	Kish
Lucius	Benjamin
Manaen	David
Herod	Jesse
Saul (Paul)	Jesus
John (vv. 5, 13)	John (v. 24)
Bar-Jesus (Elymas)	Abraham
Sergius Paulus	Pilate
Samuel	Moses

### Key Places

Antioch (v. 1)	Pamphylia
Cyrene	Antioch (v. 14)
Seleucia	Pisidia
Cyprus	Egypt
Salamis	Canaan
Paphos	Jerusalem
Perga	Galilee
	Iconium

### Key Words

Church	Sabbath
Tetrarch	Exhortation
Fasted	Allotment
Synagogues	Judges
Sorcerer	Fulfilled
Proconsul	Corruption
Deceit	Justified
Fraud	Proselytes

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who separated Barnabas and Saul from the others at Antioch? Where did Barnabas and Saul go? (v. 4)?
2. What did Sergius Paulus want from Barnabas and Saul? Who opposed that? Why was he opposed to it?
3. When Paul spoke to the Jews in Pisidian Antioch he gave a brief overview of the history of the Jews. What did he remind them John was saying?
4. What did Paul tell about Jesus to those who were assembled in the synagogue in Antioch in Pisidia? (v. 38)?
5. Why do you think it was “necessary” (v. 46) for Paul and Barnabas to preach to the Jews first??



# Acts Chapter Fourteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

**N: No gods but Me**

### Key Passage: Verse 27

“Now when they had come and gathered the church together, they reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles.”

### Key People

Paul  
Barnabas  
A cripple  
Zeus  
Hermes

### Key Places

Iconium  
Lystra  
Derbe  
Lycaonia  
Antioch (v. 19)  
Pisidia  
Pamphylia  
Perga  
Attalia  
Antioch (v. 26)

### Key Words

Synagogue  
Poisoned  
Cripple  
Garlands  
Bygone  
Generations  
Elders

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## Discussion Questions

1. What two extremes happened at Lystra that shows how fickle people were?
2. How were the brethren strengthened?
3. How were elders appointed so quickly? Why do some congregations not have elders for generations?
4. What can we learn from Antioch’s interest in the work Paul and Barnabas had done?

# Acts Chapter Fifteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### O: Old Law Not Binding

#### Key Passage: Verse 19

“Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God...”

### Key People

Moses	Simon
Paul	David
Barnabas	Moses
The Apostles	Judas (Barsabas)
Peter	Silas
James	John Mark

### Key Places

Judea  
Jerusalem  
Phoenicia  
Samaria  
Antioch  
Syria  
Cilicia  
Pamphylia  
Cyprus

### Key Words

Circumcised  
Dessension  
Sect  
Pharisees  
Gentiles  
Distinction  
Purifying  
Yoke  
Polluted  
Synagogues  
Abstain  
Strangled  
Immorality  
Contention

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## Discussion Questions

1. What caused Paul and Barnabas to have a “great dissension and debate” with some of the brethren? What did they determine that was needed to be done about this teaching? (v. 3)?
2. What conclusion did Peter reach on this teaching in:
  - a. Verse 9?
  - b. Verse 11?
3. What did Paul and Barnabas declare in this meeting? (v. 12)
4. What was the general conclusion about this teaching as stated by James in verses 19 and 20?
5. What are the four things which were “laid upon” the Gentile believers and why? Were these things sinful in God’s sight?
6. How was the letter received in Antioch?

# Acts Chapter Sixteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### P: Philippians Converted

#### Key Passage: Verses 30-31

“And he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

### Key People

Timothy  
Paul  
Lydia  
A slave girl  
Silas  
Keeper of the prison

### Key Places

Derbe	Mysia
Lystra	Troas
Iconium	Macedonia
Jerusalem	Samothrace
Phrygia	Neapolis
Galatia	Philippi
Asia	Thyatira

### Key Words

Circumcised  
Decrees  
Forbidden  
Vision  
Sabbath  
Baptized  
Possessed  
Divination  
Fortune-telling  
Annoyed  
Magistrates  
Exceedingly  
Stocks

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## Discussion Questions

1. What two companions joined Paula and Silas on this trip?
2. What do we know about Timothy?
3. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised and not Titus?
4. What does it mean that the Lord opened Lydia’s heart?
5. What practical things can we learn from Paul and Silas praying and singing in prison?
6. Does verse 31 teach salvation by faith alone? Why or why not?

# Acts Chapter Seventeen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### Q: Questions Answered at Athens

#### Key Passage: Verses 30-31

“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

#### Key People

Paul  
Jesus  
Silas  
Jason  
Timothy  
Dionysius  
Damaris

#### Key Places

Amphipolis  
Apollonia  
Thessalonica  
Berea  
Athens  
Areopagus

#### Key Words

Sabbaths	Honored
Security	Prominent
Provoked	Idols
Epicurean	Stoic
Philosophers	Babbler
Foreign	Resurrection
Preappointed	Boundaries
Offspring	Ignorance
Repent	

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who was not persuaded by Paul’s preaching? What did they do in response to it? (vv. 5-8)
2. When the people of Berea heard the word, what did they do? Why should we search God’s word diligently?
3. What did Paul say that God:
  - Made? (v. 24)
  - Gives? (v. 25)
  - Made from one blood? (v. 26)
4. How does the fact that Jesus was raised from the dead give assurance that one day He will judge the world in righteousness?
5. What were the various reactions of the people when they heard Paul preach concerning the resurrection?

# Acts Chapter Eighteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### R: Reasoning with the Preacher

#### Key Passage: Verses 4-5

“And he reasoned in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded both Jews and Greeks. When Silas and Timothy had come from Macedonia, Paul was compelled by the Spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ.”

### Key People

Paul	Jesus
Aquila	Justus
Priscilla	Crispus
Claudius	Gallio
Silas	Sosthenes
Timothy	Apollos

### Key Places

Athens	Cenchrea
Corinth	Ephesus
Pontus	Jerusalem
Italy	Caesarea
Rome	Antioch
Macedonia	Galatia
Achaia	Phrygia
Syria	Alexandria

### Key Words

Trade	Blasphemed
Occupation	Judgment seat
Tentmakers	Vow
Synagogue	Eloquent
Sabbath	Exhorting
Persuaded	Refuted
Compelled	

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## Discussion Questions

1. How effective was Paul’s work at Corinth?
2. In what way did Aquila and Priscilla help Paul in his work at Corinth?
3. Why did Gallio dismiss the proceedings?
4. What did Aquila and Priscilla correct in Apollos’ teaching?
5. What do we learn about women teaching from Priscilla’s dealing with Apollos?

# Acts Chapter Nineteen

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### S: Saving Disciples of John

### Key Passage: Verse 10

“And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”

### Key People

Apollos	Erastus
Paul	Demetrius
John	Diana
Christ Jesus	Gaius
Tyrannus	Aristarchus
Sceva	Alexander
Timothy	Zeus

### Key Places

Corinth  
Ephesus  
Asia  
Macedonia  
Achaia  
Jerusalem  
Rome

### Key Words

Baptism	Silversmith
Tongues	Craftsmen
Prophesied	Prosperity
Synagogue	Despised
Itinerant	Magnificence
Exorcists	Venture
Exorcise	Proconsuls
Magnified	Uproar
Magic	

## Objectives

- Identify the work of the Holy Spirit
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## Discussion Questions

1. What were the two questions Paul asked of the disciples at Ephesus when he arrived?
2. How did the Holy Spirit come upon these disciples? What gifts did they receive?
3. Why, since they had been baptized with the baptism of John, did twelve disciples at Ephesus have to be baptized again?
4. Why did Demetrius stir up the people against Paul? (vv. 26-27)?
5. Who finally appeased the people? What did he say Demetrius and the craftsmen with him could do if they had a matter against anyone?

# Acts Chapter Twenty

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### T: Troas on the Lord's Day

### Key Passage: Verse 32

“So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”

### Key People

Paul	Timothy
Sopater	Tychicus
Aristarchus	Trophimus
Secundus	Eutyclus
Gaius	Jesus

### Key Places

Macedonia	Chios
Greece	Samos
Syria	Trogyllium
Troas	Miletus
Philippi	Ephesus
Assos	Jerusalem
Mitylene	

### Key Words

Uproar	Overseers
Elders	Shepherd (verb)
Testifying	Savage
Tribulations	Perverse
Innocent	Commend
Shunned	Inheritance
Counsel	Sanctified

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## Discussion Questions

1. What books of the Bible were written during this section of the 3<sup>rd</sup> journey?
2. What role did Paul's travel companions play in his travels?
3. What is the significance of the first day of the week?
4. What did these early Christians do on the first day of the week?
5. What did Paul know about his trip to Jerusalem? What didn't he know?
6. What warning did Paul give the Ephesian elders?

# Acts Chapter Twenty-One

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### U: Uproar in Jerusalem

#### Key Passage: Verse 13

“Then Paul answered, ‘What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.’”

### Key People

Paul  
Philip  
Agabus  
Mnason  
James  
Trophimus

### Key Places

Cos	Jerusalem
Rhodes	Ptolemais
Patara	Caesarea
Phoenicia	Judea
Cyprus	Asia
Syria	Tarsus
Tyre	Cilicia

### Key Words

Evangelist	Observe
Persuaded	Expiration
Lodge	Defiled
Myriads	Garrison
Zealous	Uproar
Circumcise	Centurions
Vow	Barracks
Purified	Permission

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## Discussion Questions

1. Try to trace the cities Paul stopped at in the first 17 verses (use a map).
2. What message did Agabus give Paul? What was the response of the people who heard this? What did Paul say he was ready for?
3. What did James and the other elders say that the Jews believed about Paul? (vv. 20-21)
4. Seeing that the law of Christ was now in effect and that the law of Moses had been taken away, why would Paul follow its laws of purification?
5. Who stirred up the crowd against Paul? Of what did they say he was guilty? (vv. 27-28)?



# Acts Chapter Twenty-Two

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### V: Valuable Citizenship

### Key Passage: Verse 16

““And now why are you waiting?  
Arise and be baptized, and wash  
away your sins, calling on the name  
of the Lord.””

### Key People

Paul (Saul)  
Gamaliel  
Jesus  
Ananias  
Stephen

### Key Places

Tarsus  
Cilicia  
Damascus  
Jerusalem  
Nazareth

### Key Words

Strictness  
Zealous  
Appointed  
Baptized  
Trance  
Synagogue  
Scourging  
Centurion  
Roman  
Uncondemned  
Citizenship

## Objectives

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## Discussion Questions

1. What did speaking in the Hebrew language accomplish for Paul?
2. What three points did Paul make in his defense?
3. Why would Paul make a point about persecuting Christians? What would that mean to the crowd?
4. Was Saul saved on the road to Damascus?
5. What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord”?
6. What was the point that really set the crowd off when they heard his defense?

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Three

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### W: Waiting to Kill Paul

#### Key Passage: Verse 11

“But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, ‘Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified of Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.’”

### Key People

Paul  
Ananias  
Paul’s sister’s son  
Claudius Lysias  
Felix

### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Rome  
Caesarea  
Antipatris  
Cilicia  
Herod’s Praetorium

### Key Words

Conscience	Dissension
Whitewashed	Testified
Revile	Oath
Pharisee	Conspiracy
Sadducee	Ambush
Resurrection	Centurions
Outcry	Yield
Protested	Province

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## Discussion Questions

1. How could Paul “have lived in all good conscience before God until this day” when previously he had been guilty of great sins?
2. How did dissension arise causing the assembly to be divided?
3. Why would Jesus’ statement in verse 11 have been significant to Paul?
4. In the letter he wrote to Felix, how did the Centurion paint his actions? What does he state he concluded about Paul after the assembly of Jewish leaders came together?
5. When did the governor say he would hear Paul? Where did he keep him until then?

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Four

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### X: Excuse of Felix

#### Key Passage: Verse 25

“Now as he reasoned about righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come, Felix was afraid and answered, ‘Go away for now; when I have a convenient time I will call for you.’”

### Key People

Ananias  
Tertullus  
Paul  
Felix  
Lysias  
Drusilla  
Porcius Festus

### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Asia

### Key Words

Orator  
Accusation  
Prosperity  
Tedious  
Plague  
Dissension  
Ringleader  
Profane  
Ascertain  
Inciting  
Conscience  
Alms  
Adjourned  
Righteousness  
Convenient

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## Discussion Questions

1. Who was Felix?
2. Who was Tertullus and what role did he play?
3. What evidence was presented by Tertullus of his charges?
4. How did Paul answer each of the four charges?
5. Is there any indication of what Felix thought about the presentation by Tertullus?
6. What was the content of the sermon Paul presented to Felix and Drusilla?

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Five

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### Y: Yet Untied by Festus

### Key Passage: Verses 10-11

“So Paul said, ‘I stand at Caesar’s judgment sea, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar.’”

### Key People

Festus  
Paul  
Caesar  
King Agrippa  
Bernice  
Felix  
Jesus  
Augustus

### Key Places

Caesarea  
Jerusalem

### Key Words

Petitioned  
Ambush  
Offended  
Judgment  
Custom  
Affirmed  
Pomp  
Auditorium  
Unreasonable  
Specify

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## Discussion Questions

1. What favor did the high priest and chief men of the Jews ask of Festus while he was in Jerusalem? What was their purpose in asking this favor?
2. To whom did Paul appeal? (v. 11) What was Festus’ response to Paul’s appeal? (v. 12)
3. In verse 19, what does Festus say the accusations of the Jews were against Paul?
4. What did Festus admit in regard to Paul? (v. 25)
5. Why did Festus say he brought Paul before Agrippa? (v26-27)

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Six

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

#### Z: Zealous before Agrippa

#### Key Passage: Verses 17-18

“I will deliver you from the Jewish people, as well as from the Gentiles, to whom I now send you, to open their eyes, in order to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

#### Key People

Agrippa  
Paul  
Jesus  
Moses  
Festus  
Bernice  
Caesar

#### Key Places

Jerusalem  
Nazareth  
Damascus  
Judea

#### Key Words

Sect  
Synagogue  
Blaspheme  
Authority  
Commission  
Persecuting  
Goads  
Minister  
Witness  
Befitting  
Persuade  
Christian

## Objectives

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## Discussion Questions

1. What do we know about King Agrippa? Bernice?
2. What made King Agrippa an expert in the Jews religion?
3. Preaching is designed to create what changes?
4. What reaction did Festus have to Paul’s defense?
5. What reaction did Agrippa have to Paul’s defense?
6. What conclusions did Agrippa, Bernice, and Festus draw?

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Seven

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### Shipwrecked

#### Key Passage: Verses 22-24

“And now I urge you to take heart, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, saying, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.’”

### Key People

Paul  
Julius  
Aristarchus  
Caesar

### Key Places

Adramyttium	Cnidus
Asia	Crete
Sidon	Salome
Cyprus	Fair Havens
Cilicia	Lasea
Pamphylia	Phoenix
Myra	Clauda
Lycia	Syrtis Sands
Italy	Adriatic Sea

### Key Words

Liberty	Incurred
The Fast	Soundings
Helmsman	Fathom
Tempetuous	Prow
Euroclydon	Nourishment
Skiff	Survival
Tackle	Rudder
Abstinence	Mainsail

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## Discussion Questions

1. On a map, trace the sea voyage of Paul as best as you can.
2. What did it mean to sail “under the shelter of Cyprus” (v.4), “under the shelter of Crete” (v.7), and “under the shelter of Claudia” (v.16)?
3. How did Paul know there would be no loss of life? How does this compare with his earlier perceptions (v. 10)?
4. When the ship ran aground, what did the soldiers plan to do with the prisoners? Who stopped them? Why did he stop them?
5. Why do you think the centurion, when Paul advised him not to leave the harbor, listened to the helmsman and the owner of the ship instead of listening to Paul? Why does he later listen to Paul when he spoke in verse 31??

# Acts Chapter Twenty-Eight

## Keys to This Chapter

### Acts ABCs

### Last Heard of at Rome

### Key Passage: Verse 22

““But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere.””

### Key People

Paul  
Publius  
Caesar  
Judea  
Jesus  
Moses  
Isaiah

### Key Places

Malta  
Syracuse  
Rhegium  
Puteoli  
Rome  
Appii Forum  
Three Inns  
Jerusalem

### Key Words

Kindled  
Viper  
Justice  
Dysentery  
Solemnly  
Compelled

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## Discussion Questions

1. What were the three acts or occasions of kindness shown to Paul and his companions by the natives of Malta?
2. List the miracles found in this chapter?
3. What special treatment did Paul receive while in prison and why did he receive such treatment?
4. What did Paul say to the Jewish leaders when he called them to come to him at Rome?
5. How effective was Paul’s preaching while in prison for two years?
6. What epistles did Paul write while in prison in Rome?











