

THE ACTS

Of The Apostles

Summary Of Acts: Luke wrote Acts as a continuation of his Gospel account of Jesus' life. The apostles and others will now spread the news of their risen Savior in both word and deed. Acts records the ministries mainly of Peter (1-12) and Paul (13-28). An outline is seen in Jesus' words in Acts 1:8: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem [1:1-6:7], and in all Judea and Samaria [6:8-9:31], and to the end of the earth [9:32-28:31]".

Lesson: *Acts continues to this day, written in the lives of all believers.*

ACTS 1

THE PROMISE OF THE SPIRIT

Chapter 1

Summary: Luke's prologue indicates his purpose to continue the account of Jesus' ministry through the apostles (1-3). Jesus commands them to wait for the Promise of the Father, the baptism with the Holy Spirit. This empowering will enable them to be witnesses for Him (4-8). Jesus ascends into Heaven (9-11). The disciples continue in prayer (12-14). Peter, citing scriptures, proposes appointing someone to take Judas' place. After prayer and casting lots, Matthias is chosen (15-26).

Lesson: *We need the Holy Spirit's empowering to be witnesses for Jesus.*