

## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Notice that the book of Acts is a continuation of the narrative begun in the book of Luke. It was written by the same writer, Luke, to the same person, Theophilus (Acts 1:1; Luke 1:3b), who was possibly a Roman official, and probably a Christian. While the gospels tell what Jesus *began* to do and teach (Acts 1:1), the book of Acts tells what Jesus *continued* to do and teach--no longer in person--but through the apostles, as they were empowered by the Holy Spirit. Read about these events below:

### THE PROMISE AND COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### Acts 1 and 2

**A. Jesus' Last Command and Promise:** Read Acts 1:1-26

1. What one thing had Jesus said He wanted His disciples to do after He returned to heaven? Acts 1:8b  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. In what four places were they supposed to do this? Acts 1:8c  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. For what must they wait before they could begin this work? Acts 1:4, 5  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What one thing would this give them for their work? Acts 1:8a  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. About how many were in the group waiting for the fulfillment of this promise? Acts 1:15  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did they decide to do as they met continually in prayer together? Acts 1:16, 20-22  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Jesus' Promise Fulfilled:** Read Acts 2:1-13, 37-47

1. Where were the disciples when the day of Pentecost (the fiftieth day after the second day of the Passover) was fully come? Acts 2:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was their heart attitude at this time? Acts 2:1  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What sound did they suddenly hear? Acts 2:2  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What sight did they see? Acts 2:3  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened in connection with these outward signs? Acts 2:4a  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What was one of the first results of the disciples' receiving the Holy Spirit? Acts 2:4b  
\_\_\_\_\_

2 Bible Discoveries:New Testament Survey Series by Sarah Overstreet Midyett  
*The Life of the Early Church: Ascension through Antioch*

7. For what very practical reason was this ability given to them at this time?

Acts 2:5-11a

---

8. About what did the disciples speak, when they spoke in other languages? Acts 2:11b

---

9. How did the multitudes (Acts 2:6a) react when they heard the disciples?

a. Acts 2:12

---

b. Acts 2:13

---

10. What did Peter begin to do in answer to their words? Acts 2:14

---

11. About whom did he speak? Acts 2:22

---

12. Who did he say Jesus was? Acts 2:36

---

13. How did the people feel when they heard this? Acts 2:37

---

14. What did Peter tell the people they must do? Acts 2:38

---

15. How many of the people did this? Acts 2:41

---

16. What else was done by the apostles in the days which followed? Acts 2:43b

---

17. What was the result of this? Acts 2:47b

---

### QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. What was the *main* purpose for the Holy Spirit's coming? (See Acts 1:8a)

---

2. What do I expect the Holy Spirit to enable me to do today?

---