

UNSTOPPABLE POWER

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Introduction: Today, we begin our study of the book of Acts that records the supernatural birth and growth of the church of Jesus Christ.

I. The Title of the Book

II. The Author of the Book

Acts 1:1 “The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,”

Luke 1:3-4 ³ “It seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

Acts 16:6-8 ⁶ “They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; ⁷ and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them, ⁸ and passing by Mysia they came down to Troas.”

Acts 16:10 “When he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the Gospel to them.”

III. The Date of the Book

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IV. The Purpose of the Book

A. The Purpose of Luke: A History of the Founder of Our Faith

Luke 1:1-4 ¹ “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, ² just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, ³ it seems fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; ⁴ so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

Five Stages of Historical Development

1. The fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies
2. Contemporary eyewitness accounts
3. Personal research
4. Recording everything in an orderly manner
5. Writing with an audience and purpose in mind

B. The Purpose of Acts: A History of the Founding of the Church

Acts 1:1-2 ¹ “The first account I composed Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.”

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V. The Outline of the Book of Acts

- I. The Gospel Preached to the Jewish World (Acts 1:1-12:24)
 - A. The Gospel Preached in Jerusalem (1:1-6:7)
Summary Statement: “The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem” (6:7).
 - B. The Gospel Preached in Judea and Samaria (6:8-9:31)
Summary Statement: “So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase” (9:31).
 - C. The Gospel Preached to other parts of the Jewish World (9:32-12:24)
Summary Statement: “But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied” (12:24).
- II. The Gospel Preached to the Gentile World (Acts 12:25-28:31)
 - A. The First Missionary Journey (12:25-16:5)
Summary Statement: “So the churches were being strengthened in the faith, and were increasing in number daily” (16:6).
 - B. The Second and Third Missionary Journeys (16:6-19:20)
Summary Statement: “So the word of the Lord was growing mightily and prevailing” (19:20).
 - C. From Jerusalem to Rome (19:21-28:31)
Summary Statement: “Preaching the kingdom of God and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered” (28:31).

Peter's Ministry and Paul's Ministry in Acts		
Ministry	Peter	Paul
Commissioned apostles	To Jews (also witnessed to Gentiles)	To Gentiles (also witnessed to Jews)
Healed a man lame from birth	3:1-11	14:8-10
Unusual means of healing/exorcism	5:15-16	19:11-12
Jewish opposition	5:17	13:45
Opposed a sorcerer	8:18-24	13:6-11
Raised the dead	9:36-41	20:9-12
Conferred the Holy Spirit through laying on of hands	8:14-25	19:1-10
Miraculously released from prison	12:1-19	16:16-34
Both were erroneously worshiped	10:25	14:11-13
Both rendered swift judgment	5:1-11	13:6-11
Angelic visitation	12:7-11	27:23-24
Both heard the voice of God	10:13-16	9:4-6
Both preached to Jews and Gentiles	11:2-9; 10:34-42	9:20-29; 13:1-28:31
Both filled with the Spirit	2:1-4; 4:8	9:17; 13:9
Both preached with boldness	4:13, 31	9:27-29

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VI. The Message of the Book

Luke 24:50-53 ⁵⁰ “And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. ⁵¹ While He was blessing them, He parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they, after worshiping Him, returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple praising God.”

Conclusion