

Lesson #29
Book Overview
Book of Acts

1. Acts 1-12
 - a. Second part of the Book of Luke.
 - i. He was a traveling partner of Paul.
 - ii. Gospel of Luke – What Jesus began and to do and teach.
 - iii. Book of Acts – What Jesus continued to do and teach.
 - b. Major theme in Acts is the work of Jesus continued with the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Not Acts of Apostles BUT the Acts of Jesus and the Holy Spirit!
 - c. Jesus starts off telling the apostles that He's restoring the Kingdom of God.
 - i. Jesus is the KING!
 - d. Promises the coming of the Holy Spirit.
 - i. Fulfills promise in the Old Testament. (Ezekiel 36:27)
 - ii. We are now the Temple for the HS.
 - iii. They will NOW have POWER to be His witnesses. (Acts 1:8)
 - e. Then Jesus is ascended and now reigns on His throne. This fulfills Daniel Chap. 7.
 - f. Pentecost
 - i. HS comes as a wind and fire.
 - ii. Spoke in languages of the people.
 - iii. Fulfills promise that God will fill His Temple. Now the Temple is God's people.
 - iv. "New Temple" is God's covenant family.
 - g. Church begins to face hostility.
 - i. Tale of two Temples.
 - h. Stephen is First Martyr.
 - i. Wave of persecution starts.
 - ii. Persecutions cause church to go out from Jerusalem.
 - iii. Chapter 8 – Samaritans believe.
 - iv. Cornelius, Chapter 10 – Gentiles also believe.

- i. Antioch – First multi-Ethnic Church.
 - i. First called Christians there.
 - ii. First to send out international missionaries.
- 2. Acts 13-28
 - a. Barnabas and Paul serve in the Antioch Church.
 - i. HS prompts the Church to send them out on the 1st missionary journey.
 - ii. They proclaim that Jesus is King.
 - iii. First they went to synagogues.
 - 1. 10 men necessary to start a synagogue.
 - b. Important council of Jerusalem. (Ch. 15)
 - i. Gentiles DON'T need to become a Jew to follow Jesus.
 - ii. Membership into the body of Christ i.e. Church, not based on ethnicity or the Torah but trusting in Jesus.
 - c. Lots of clashes of culture.
 - i. Paul speaks to Gentiles.
 - ii. Accused of disrupting culture.
 - d. Paul announced a NEW Kingdom.
 - i. We're ALL equals in Christ. (Natural Law!)
 - ii. Loyal to Jesus alone.
 - e. Paul arrested – Chapter 21-26
 - i. Before many courts defending the faith BUT he never was convicted of anything.
 - ii. In prison for many years.
 - 1. During that time he wrote many letters.