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The Acts of Jesus' Followers after His Resurrection

during the rule of the Roman Empire and occupation

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Introduction - Luke's continued account to Theophilus

Luke mentions his previous writings

Act 1:1 The former treatise [account] have I made, O Theophilus, of

- all that Jesus began both to do and teach, (Note: See the Book of Luke)
- Act 1:2 Until the day in which he was taken up,
- after that he through the Holy Ghost [Spirit] had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:

Jesus appears to His disciples over a 40 day period

Act 1:3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion

- by many infallible proofs,
- being seen of them forty days,
- and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God:

Apostles, men, and women gather in the upper room - about 120

Act 1:12 Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is from Jerusalem a sabbath day's journey.	Luk 24:52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy:
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Act 1:13 And when they were come in, they went up into an upper room, where abode both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bartholomew, and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon Zelotes, and Judas the brother of James.

Act 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

Note: Apparently Jesus' own brothers started believing in Him after His resurrection.

Act 1:15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

Act 1:16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost [Spirit] by the mouth of David spake before concerning

- Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus.
- Act 1:17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry.

Accounts of the death of Judas

Discrepancy with Matthew 27:3-10?

<p>and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.</p> <p>Act 1:18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity;</p> <p>Act 1:19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.</p> <p>Note:</p> <p>Zec 11:12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give <i>me</i> my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver.</p> <p>Zec 11:13 And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty <i>pieces</i> of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD.</p>	<p>Compare with:</p> <p>Mat 27:3 Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders,</p> <p>Mat 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What <i>is that</i> to us? see thou <i>to that</i>.</p> <p>Mat 27:5 And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.</p> <p>Mat 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.</p> <p>Mat 27:7 And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in.</p> <p>Mat 27:8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.</p> <p>Mat 27:9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken by Jeremy the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value;</p> <p>Mat 27:10 And gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.</p> <p><i>There is no mention of the potters field or thirty pieces of silver in the book of Jeremiah or other prophetic books except maybe Zechariah in an entirely different context. Jeremiah did buy a field in Anathoth for 17 shekels of silver (Jer 32:9)</i></p>
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Note: For this to not be a discrepancy then **Judas'** attempt to hang himself would have had to fail. The apparatus from which **Judas** hanged himself would have had to break over a short period of time. Some mechanism would have had to cause **Judas** to be inverted and fall headlong and be impaled on some object. The reference in Matthew of Jeremiah would have had to come from a writing of Jeremiah that didn't make it into the canonical book of Jeremiah.

Act 1:20

For it is written in **the book of Psalms**,

Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell therein: and his bishopruck let another take.

Psa 69:25 Let their habitation be desolate; *and* let none dwell in their tents.

Psa 109:9 Let his children be fatherless, and his wife a widow.

A 12th disciple chosen to replace Judas

Act 1:21

Wherefore of these men which have companied with us

- all the time that **the Lord Jesus** went in and out among us,
- Act 1:22 Beginning from the baptism of **John**,
- unto that same day that he was taken up from us,

must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection.

Act 1:23

And they appointed [put forward] two,

- **Joseph** called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus,
- and **Matthias**.

Act 1:24

And they prayed, and said,

Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all *men*, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen,

Act 1:25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which **Judas** by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.

Act 1:26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon **Matthias**; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

Prophesying in someone else's own native language which you do not know

Act 2:1

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Act 2:4 **And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit], and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

Act 2:5 And there were dwelling at **Jerusalem Jews**, devout men, out of **every nation under heaven**.

Act 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that *every man heard them speak in his own language.*

Act 2:7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, **are not all these which speak Galilaeans?**

Act 2:8 *And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?*

- Act 2:9 **Parthians**,
- and **Medes**,
- and **Elamites**,
- and the dwellers in **Mesopotamia**,
- and in **Judaea**,
- and **Cappadocia**,
- in **Pontus**,
- and **Asia**,
- Act 2:10 **Phrygia**,
- and **Pamphylia**,
- in **Egypt**,
- and in the parts of **Libya** about **Cyrene**,
- and strangers of **Rome**, **Jews** and proselytes,
- Act 2:11 **Cretes**
- and **Arabians**,

we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.

Act 2:12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?

Act 2:13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.

Peter explains how Jesus fulfilled Prophecy

Act 2:14

But **Peter**, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them,

Ye men of Judaea, and all *ye* that dwell at **Jerusalem**, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:

Act 2:15 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing *it is but the third hour of the day*.

Act 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith **God**, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:

- and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
- and your young men shall see visions,
- and your old men shall dream dreams:
- Act 2:18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

Act 2:19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:

Act 2:20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before that great and notable day of the **Lord** come:

Act 2:21 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the **Lord** shall be saved.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh;

- and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
- your old men shall dream dreams,
- your young men shall see visions:
- Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Joe 2:30 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke.

Joe 2:31 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the **LORD** come.

Joe 2:32 And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on the name of the **LORD** shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in **Jerusalem** shall be deliverance, as the **LORD** hath said, and in the remnant whom the **LORD** shall call.

Act 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words;

Jesus of Nazareth,

- a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you,

as ye yourselves also know:

Act 2:23 **Him**,

- being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of **God**,
- ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:
- Act 2:24 **Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death:**

○ because it was not possible that he should be holden of it [held in its power].

Act 2:25 For David speaketh concerning him,

I foresaw **the Lord** always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

Act 2:26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope:

Act 2:27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, **neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.**

Act 2:28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance.

Psa 16:8 I have set the **LORD** always before me: because *he is* at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Psa 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

Psa 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Psa 16:11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence *is* fulness of joy; at thy right hand *there are* pleasures for evermore.

Act 2:29 Men *and brethren*, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch **David**, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

<p>Act 2:30 NASV "And so, because he was a prophet, and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS UPON HIS THRONE,</p>	<p>Act 2:30 KJV Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;</p>	<p>Act 2:30 Geneva Therefore, seeing hee was a Prophet, and knewe that God had sworne with an othe to him, that of the fruite of his loynes hee would raise vp Christ concerning the flesh, to set him vpon his throne,</p>	<p>Mat 1:18 ASV Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, <u>before they came together</u> she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.</p>
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Atheists contend there is a contradiction here between "fruit of the loins" and impregnation by the Holy Spirit.

Note: **Joseph** is of the lineage of **David**; Mary is not mentioned to be in **David's** lineage. The NASB leaves out "fruit of the loins" and thus avoids the contradiction. Fruit of the loins in Hebrew means coming from the hip. See Strong's Concordance for G2523, G2590, G3751. Note: **Isa 7:14** "Therefore **the Lord** Himself will give you a sign: Behold, a **virgin** will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His name Immanuel.

Act 2:31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that

<p>his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.</p>	<p>Psa 16:10 For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.</p>
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- Act 2:32 This Jesus hath **God** raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.
- Act 2:33 Therefore being by the right hand of **God** exalted,
- and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost [Spirit],
- he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Act 2:34 For **David** is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself,

<p>The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Act 2:35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool.</p>	<p>Psa 110:1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.</p>
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Act 2:36 Therefore let **all the house of Israel** know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto **Peter** and to the rest of **the apostles,**

Men *and brethren*, what shall we do?

Act 2:38 Then **Peter** said unto them,

Repent,

and be **baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins,** and ye shall **receive the gift of the Holy Ghost [Spirit].**

Act 2:39 **For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

Act 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying,

Save yourselves from this untoward [perverse] generation.

Act 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized:

and **the same day** there were added *unto them* about **three thousand souls.**

Lifestyle of Jesus' Disciples

- Act 2:42 And they continued stedfastly
- in **the apostles'** doctrine
 - and fellowship,
 - and in breaking of bread,
 - and in prayers.

Act 2:43 And fear came upon every soul:
and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

Act 2:44

And all that believed

- were together,
- and had all things common;
- **Act 2:45** And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all *men*, as every man had need.

Act 2:46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple ,	Luk 24:53 And were continually in the temple , praising and blessing God . Amen.
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- and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,
- **Act 2:47** Praising **God**,
- and having favour with all the people.

And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Healing of a man lame from birth

Act 3:1 Now **Peter** and **John** went up together into **the temple** at **the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour.**

Act 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at **the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful**, to ask alms of them that entered into **the temple**;

Act 3:3 Who seeing **Peter** and **John** about to go into **the temple** asked an alms.

Act 3:4 And **Peter**, fastening his eyes upon him with **John**, said, Look on us.

Act 3:5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them.

Act 3:6 Then **Peter** said, *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.*

Act 3:7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted *him* up: *and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.*

Act 3:8 *And he leaping up stood, and walked,*

and entered with them into **the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.**

Act 3:9 And all the people saw him walking and praising **God**:

Act 3:10 And they knew that it was he which sat for alms at **the Beautiful gate of the temple**:

and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

Act 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed held **Peter** and **John**, all the people ran together unto them in **the porch that is called Solomon's**, greatly wondering.

Peter preaches the Gospel

Act 3:12

And when **Peter** saw *it*, he answered unto the people,

Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk?

- Act 3:13 **The God of Abraham**, and of Isaac, and of **Jacob**, **the God of our fathers**, hath glorified his Son **Jesus**; whom ye delivered up,
- and denied him in the presence of **Pilate**, when he was determined to let *him* go.
- Act 3:14 But ye denied **the Holy One and the Just**, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
- Act 3:15 And killed **the Prince of life**, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
- Act 3:16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea,
- **the faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Act 3:17 And now, **brethren**, I wot that through ignorance ye did *it*, as *did* also your rulers.

Act 3:18 But those things, which **God** before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Act 3:19 **Repent ye therefore, and be converted**, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of **the Lord**;

Act 3:20 And he shall send **Jesus Christ**, which before was preached unto you:

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which **God** hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Act 3:22 **For Moses truly said unto the fathers**,

A prophet shall **the Lord** your **God** raise up unto you of your **brethren**, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy **God** will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy **brethren**, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, *that* every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people.

Act 3:24 Yea, and all the prophets **from Samuel and those that follow** after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.

Act 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of **the covenant which God made with our fathers**, saying unto **Abraham**,

And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Gen 22:18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.

Act 3:26 Unto you first **God**, having raised up **his Son Jesus**, sent **him to bless you**, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Peter and John are put in jail by the Jewish leaders

Act 4:1 And as they spake unto the people,

- the **priests**,
- and **the captain of the temple**,
- and the **Sadducees**,

came upon them,

Act 4:2 Being grieved that they taught the people, and preached **through Jesus the resurrection from the dead**.

Act 4:3 And they laid hands on them, **and put them in hold [jail] unto the next day: for it was now eventide**.

Act 4:4 Howbeit many of them **which heard the word believed;** and the number of the men was about five thousand.

Peter and John testify before the Jewish Council

Act 4:5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that

- their **rulers**,
- and **elders**,
- and **scribes**,
- **Act 4:6** And **Annas the high priest**,
- and **Caiaphas**,
- and **John**,
- and **Alexander**,
- and as many as were of the kindred [descendants] of **the high priest**,

were gathered together at **Jerusalem**.

Act 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked,

By what power, or by what name, have ye done this?

Act 4:8

Then **Peter**, **filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, said unto them,

Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Act 4:9 If we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, *by what means he is made whole;*

Act 4:10 Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that **by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**,

- **whom** ye crucified,
- **whom God** raised from the dead,
- *even by him doth this man stand here before you whole.*
- **Act 4:11** **This is the stone** which was set at nought [rejected] of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. (Psa 118:22)
- **Act 4:12** **Neither is there salvation in any other:**
- for **there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**

Jewish Council unable to suppress Peter and John

Act 4:13

Now when

- they saw the **boldness** of **Peter** and **John**,
- and perceived that they were **unlearned and ignorant** men, they marvelled;
- and they took knowledge of them, that **they had been with Jesus**.
- **Act 4:14** **And beholding the man which was healed standing with them,**

they could say nothing against it.

Act 4:15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of **the council**, they conferred among themselves,

Act 4:16 Saying,

What shall we do to these men?

- for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them *is* manifest to all them that dwell in **Jerusalem**;
- and we cannot deny *it*.

Act 4:17 But that it spread no further among the people,

let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name.

Act 4:18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in **the name of Jesus**.

Act 4:19 But **Peter** and **John** answered and said unto them,

Whether it be right in the sight of **God** to hearken unto you more than unto **God**, judge ye.

- Act 4:20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.

Peter and John are released from prison

Act 4:21 So when they had further threatened them, they let them go,

- finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people:
- for all *men* glorified **God** for that which was done.
- Act 4:22 For the man was above forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

Act 4:23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that **the chief priests** and **elders** had said unto them.

Act 4:24

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to **God** with one accord, and said,

Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

Act 4:25 Who by the mouth of thy servant **David** hast said,

Why did the heathen rage,
and the people imagine vain things?

Act 4:26 The kings of the earth stood up,
and the rulers were gathered together against **the Lord**, and against **his Christ**.
(Psalm 2)

Act 4:27 For of a truth against **thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed**,
both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the **Gentiles**, and the people of Israel, were gathered together,

Act 4:28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.

Act 4:29 And now, Lord, behold **their threatenings**:

and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

Act 4:30 **By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done
by the name of thy holy child Jesus.**

All the followers of Jesus received overwhelming power having surrendered all to Him

Act 4:31

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together;

and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit],

and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Act 4:32 **And the multitude of them that believed** were of one heart and of one soul:

- neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own;
- but they had all things common.

Act 4:33 **And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**

- Act 4:34 Neither was there any among them that lacked:
- for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,
- Act 4:35 And laid *them* down at **the apostles'** feet:
- and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need.

Note: Many people in Israel at that time owned multiple tracts of land and multiple houses. It can be assumed that **God** did not require a person to sell his one and only house. People went from house to house sharing meals.

Act 4:36 And Joses [**Joseph**], who by **the apostles** was surnamed **Barnabas**, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a **Levite**, and of the country of **Cyprus**,

- Act 4:37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at **the apostles'** feet.

Penalty of death for lying about a pledge

Act 5:1 But a certain man named **Ananias, with Sapphira his wife**, sold a possession,

Act 5:2 And kept back *part* of the price, his wife also being privy *to it*, and brought a certain part, and laid *it* at **the apostles'** feet.

Act 5:3 But **Peter** said, **Ananias**, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, and to keep back *part* of the price of the land?

Act 5:4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto **God**.

Act 5:5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost [spirit]: **and great fear came on all them that heard these things.**

Act 5:6 And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried *him* out, and buried *him*.

Act 5:7 And it was about **the space of three hours after**, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in.

Act 5:8 And **Peter** answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much?

And she said, Yea, for so much.

Act 5:9 Then **Peter** said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt **the Spirit of the Lord?** behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband *are* at the door, and shall carry thee out.

Act 5:10 Then fell she down straightway at his feet, and yielded up the ghost [spirit]: and the young men came in, and found her dead, and, carrying *her* forth, buried *her* by her husband.

Act 5:11 **And great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things.**

Many signs and wonders

Act 5:12 And by the hands of **the apostles** were **many signs and wonders** wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord **in Solomon's porch**.)

Act 5:13 And of the rest durst [dared] [dared] no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

Act 5:14 **And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)**

- Act 5:15 Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid *them* on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of **Peter** passing by might overshadow some of them.
- Act 5:16 There came also a multitude *out* of the cities round about unto **Jerusalem**, bringing sick folks, and them **which were vexed with unclean spirits**:

and they were healed every one.

The Gospel cannot be overcome in spite of threats and persecution

Act 5:17 Then **the high priest** rose up, and all they that were with him, (which is the sect of the **Sadducees**), and were filled with indignation,

Act 5:18 And laid their hands on **the apostles**, and put them in the common prison.

Act 5:19 But **the angel of the Lord** by night opened the prison doors, and brought them forth, and said,

Act 5:20 Go, stand and speak in **the temple** to the people **all the words of this life**.

Act 5:21 And when they heard *that*, they entered into **the temple early in the morning**, and taught.

But **the high priest** came, and they that were with him, and called **the council** together, and **all the senate of the children of Israel**, and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Act 5:22 But when **the officers** came, and found them not in the prison, they returned, and told,

Act 5:23 Saying, The prison truly found we shut with all safety, and the keepers standing without before the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within.

Act 5:24 Now when **the high priest** and **the captain of the temple** and **the chief priests** heard these things, they doubted of them whereunto this would grow.

Act 5:25 Then came one and told them, saying, Behold, the men whom ye put in prison are standing in **the temple**, and teaching the people.

Act 5:26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them without violence: for they feared the people, lest they should have been stoned.

Act 5:27 And when they had brought them, they set *them* before **the council**: and **the high priest** asked them,

Act 5:28 Saying,

Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in **this name**?

and, behold, ye have filled **Jerusalem** with your doctrine, and intend to bring **this man's blood** upon us.

Act 5:29

Then **Peter** and **the other apostles** answered and said,

We ought to obey **God rather than men**.

Act 5:30 **The God of our fathers raised up** Jesus,

- whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.
- Act 5:31 **Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.**

Act 5:32 And we are his witnesses of these things;

and *so is* also **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Act 5:33 When they heard *that*, they were cut *to the heart*, and took counsel to slay them.

Act 5:34 Then stood there up one in **the council**, a Pharisee, named **Gamaliel**, a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people, and commanded to put **the apostles** forth a little space; (Note: the apostle Paul was educated by Gamaliel - Acts 22:3)

Act 5:35 And said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what ye intend to do as touching these men.

- Act 5:36 For before these days rose up **Theudas**, boasting himself to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered, and brought to nought.
- Act 5:37 After this man rose up **Judas of Galilee in the days of the taxing**, and drew away much people after him: he also perished; and all, *even* as many as obeyed him, were dispersed.
- Act 5:38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought:
- Act 5:39 **But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God.**

Act 5:40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called **the apostles**, and beaten *them*, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.

Act 5:41 And they departed from the presence of **the council**, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for **his name**.

Act 5:42 And daily in **the temple**, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach **Jesus Christ**.

The kingdom of God grows quickly like Jesus' parables say

Act 6:1 And in those days, when **the number of the disciples was multiplied**, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.

Act 6:2 Then **the twelve** called **the multitude of the disciples** unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of **God**, and serve tables.

Act 6:3 Wherefore, **brethren**, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]** and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

Act 6:5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose

- **Stephen**, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost [Spirit],
- and **Philip**,
- and **Prochorus**,
- and **Nicanor**,
- and **Timon**,
- and **Parnenas**,
- and **Nicolas** a proselyte of **Antioch**:

Act 6:6 Whom they set before **the apostles**: and when they had prayed, they laid *their* hands on them.

Act 6:7 And the word of **God** increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in **Jerusalem** greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Conspirators put Stephen on Trial

Act 6:8 And **Stephen**, full of faith and power, *did great wonders and miracles among the people*.

Note: Signs and Wonders are not exclusive to the twelve apostles which most main stream churches falsely teach.

Act 6:9 Then there arose certain of **the synagogue, which is called the synagogue of the Libertines**, and **Cyrenians**, and **Alexandrians**, and of them of **Cilicia** and of **Asia**, disputing with **Stephen**.

Act 6:10 **And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake**.

Act 6:11 **Then they suborned [secretly induced] men, which said,**

We have heard him speak blasphemous words against **Moses**, and *against God*.

Act 6:12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon *him*, and caught him, and brought *him* to **the council**,

Act 6:13 And set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and **the law**:

Act 6:14 For we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which **Moses** delivered us.

Act 6:15 And all that sat in **the council**, looking stedfastly on him, saw *his face as it had been the face of an angel*.

Stephen cites the history of Israel

Act 7:1 Then said **the high priest**, Are these things so?

Act 7:2

And he said,

Men, **brethren**, and fathers, hearken;

The God of glory appeared unto our father **Abraham**, when he was in **Mesopotamia**, before he dwelt in Charran [**Haran**],

Act 7:3 And said unto him,

Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.

Gen 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Act 7:4 Then came he out of the land of the **Chaldaeans**, and dwelt in Charran [**Haran**]:

Note: From Iraq near the Persian Gulf to Turkey

and from thence [there], when his father was dead, he removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell.

Act 7:5 And he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not *so much as* to set his foot on:

yet he promised that he would give it to him for a possession, and to his seed after him, when *as yet* he had no child.

Gen 12:7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

Gen 13:14 And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward:

Gen 13:15 For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.

Act 7:6 And **God** spake on this wise [to this effect],

That his seed should sojourn in a strange land; and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat *them* evil four hundred years.

Act 7:7 And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said **God**: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place.

Gen 15:13 And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years;

Gen 15:14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.

Act 7:8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision:

and so **Abraham** begat **Isaac**,

and circumcised him the eighth day;

and Isaac *begat* **Jacob**;

and **Jacob** *begat* **the twelve** patriarchs.

Act 7:9 And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold **Joseph** into **Egypt**:

but **God was with him**,

- **Act 7:10** And delivered him out of all his afflictions,
- and gave him favour and wisdom in the sight of **Pharaoh king of Egypt**;
- and he made him governor over **Egypt** and all his house.

Act 7:11 Now there came a dearth over all the land of **Egypt** and **Chanaan** [**Caanan**], and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance.

Act 7:12 But when **Jacob** heard that there was corn in **Egypt**, he sent out our fathers first.

Act 7:13 And at the second *time* **Joseph** was made known to his **brethren**; and **Joseph's** kindred was made known unto **Pharaoh**.

Act 7:14 Then sent **Joseph**, and called his father **Jacob** to *him*, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls.

Act 7:15 So **Jacob** went down into **Egypt**, and died, he, and our fathers,

Act 7:16 And were carried over into **Sychem [Shechem]** [, and laid in the sepulchre that **Abraham** bought for a sum of money of the sons of Emmor [Hamor] *the father* of **Sychem [Shechem]**.

Act 7:17 But when the time of the promise drew nigh, which **God** had sworn to **Abraham**, the people grew and multiplied in **Egypt**,

Act 7:18 Till another king arose, which knew not **Joseph**.

Act 7:19 The same dealt subtilly with our kindred, and evil entreated our fathers, so that they cast out their young children, to the end they might not live.

Act 7:20 In which time **Moses** was born, and was exceeding fair, and nourished up in his father's house three months:

Act 7:21 And when he was cast out, **Pharaoh's daughter** took him up, and nourished him for her own son.

Act 7:22 And **Moses** was learned in all the wisdom of the **Egyptians**, *and was mighty in words and in deeds*.

Act 7:23 And when he was **full forty years old**, it came into his heart to visit his **brethren** the children of Israel.

Act 7:24 And seeing one *of them* suffer wrong, he defended *him*, and avenged him that was oppressed, and smote the **Egyptian**:

Act 7:25 For he supposed his **brethren** would have understood how that **God** by his hand would deliver them: but they understood not.

Act 7:26 And the next day he shewed himself unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, **Sirs**, ye are **brethren**; why do ye wrong one to another?

Act 7:27 But he that did his neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us?

Act 7:28 Wilt thou kill me, as thou diddest the Egyptian yesterday?

Act 7:29 Then fled **Moses** at this saying, and was a stranger in the land of Madian, where he begat two sons.

Exo 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Exo 2:15 Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

Note: Midian is in Saudi Arabia near the Gulf of Aqaba.

Act 7:30 **And when forty years were expired**,

there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina [Sinai] an angel of **the Lord** in a flame of fire in a bush.

Exo 3:1 Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of **God**, *even* to Horeb.

Exo 3:2 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush *was* not consumed.

Act 7:31 When **Moses** saw *it*, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold *it*, the voice of **the Lord** came unto him,

Act 7:32 *Saying*, I *am* the **God** of thy fathers, the **God** of **Abraham**, and the **God** of **Isaac**, and the **God** of **Jacob**.

Exo 3:6 Moreover he said, I *am* the **God** of thy father, the **God** of **Abraham**, the **God** of Isaac, and the **God** of **Jacob**. And **Moses** hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon **God**.

Then **Moses** trembled, and durst [dared] not behold.

Act 7:33 Then said **the Lord** to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Exo 7:23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he set his heart to this also.

Act 7:34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Exo 3:7 And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which *are* in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;

Exo 3:8 And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Exo 3:9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them.

Exo 3:10 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Act 7:35 This **Moses** whom *they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge?* the same did **God** send *to be* a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Exo 2:14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known.

Act 7:36 He brought them out, after that *he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.*

Act 7:37 This is that **Moses**, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall **the Lord** your **God** raise up unto you of your **brethren**, like unto me; him shall ye hear.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy **God** will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy **brethren**, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Act 7:38

This is he, that was in the church [congregation] in the wilderness with **the angel**

which spake to him in the mount Sina [Sinai],

and *with* our fathers:

who received **the lively oracles** to give unto us:

Act 7:39 To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* from them, and in their hearts turned back again into **Egypt**,

Act 7:40 Saying unto **Aaron**, Make us gods to go before us: for *as for* this **Moses**, which brought us out of the land of **Egypt**, we wot not what is become of him.

Exo 32:1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him.

Act 7:41 And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Act 7:42 Then **God** turned, and gave them up to worship the host of heaven; as it is written **in the book of the prophets**,

O ye house of Israel, have ye offered to me slain beasts and sacrifices *by the space of* forty years in the wilderness?

Amo 5:25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel?

<p>Act 7:43 Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan [Rompha], figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon.</p>	<p>Amo 5:26 But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. Amo 5:27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name <i>is</i> The God of hosts.</p>
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Act 7:44 Our fathers had **the tabernacle of witness [testimony]** in the wilderness, as he had appointed, speaking unto **Moses**, that he should make it according to the fashion that he had seen.
Act 7:45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with **Jesus [Joshua]** into the possession of the **Gentiles**, whom **God** drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of **David**;

Act 7:46 Who found favour before **God**, and desired to find a tabernacle for **the God of Jacob**.
Act 7:47 But **Solomon** built him an house.

Act 7:48 Howbeit **the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands**; as saith **the prophet**,

<p>Act 7:49 Heaven <i>is</i> my throne, and earth <i>is</i> my footstool: what house will ye build me? saith the Lord: or what <i>is</i> the place of my rest? Act 7:50 Hath not my hand made all these things?</p>	<p>Isa 66:1 Thus saith the LORD, The heaven <i>is</i> my throne, and the earth <i>is</i> my footstool: where <i>is</i> the house that ye build unto me? and where <i>is</i> the place of my rest? Isa 66:2 For all those <i>things</i> hath mine hand made, and all those <i>things</i> have been, saith the LORD: but to this <i>man</i> will I look, <i>even to him that is</i> poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.</p>
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Stephen rebukes the conspirators

Act 7:51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**: as your fathers *did*, so *do* ye.

Act 7:52 Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain **them which shewed before of [announced] the coming of the Just One**; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers:
Act 7:53 Who have received **the law by the disposition of angels**, and have not kept *it*.

Retaliation by Stoning Stephen

Act 7:54 When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with *their* teeth.

Act 7:55 But he, **being full of the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, **looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God**,
Act 7:56 And said, Behold, **I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God**.

Act 7:57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord,
Act 7:58 And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was **Saul**.
Act 7:59 And they stoned **Stephen**, calling upon **God**, and saying, **Lord Jesus**, receive my spirit.
Act 7:60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, **Lord, lay not this sin to their charge**. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Act 8:1a And **Saul** was consenting unto his death.

Saul initiates persecution of the church

Act 8:1b And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at **Jerusalem**; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of **Judaea** and **Samaria**, except **the apostles**.

Act 8:2 And devout men carried **Stephen** to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.

Act 8:3 As for **Saul**, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed *them* to prison.

Unintended consequences of Persecution: Spreading the Gospel

Act 8:4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where **preaching the word**.

Act 8:5 Then **Philip** went down to **the city of Samaria**, and **preached Christ** unto them.

Act 8:6 And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which **Philip** spake, hearing and seeing *the miracles which he did*.

- **Act 8:7** For *unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them:*
- *and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed.*

Act 8:8 And there was great joy in that city.

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<p>Mar 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with <i>them</i>, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.</p>	<p>Mar 16:20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word <i>by the signs that followed.</i>[<i>And they promptly reported all these instructions to Peter and his companions. And after that, Jesus Himself sent out through them from east to west the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.</i>]</p>

Note: This verse was placed here as it does not fit chronologically in the four Gospels. **Peter** was with the other ten disciples when Jesus gave final instructions in **Galilee** and he returned with them to **Jerusalem** where they were later to be empowered by the Holy Spirit and then demonstrate the power of the Gospel and preach it. *It is not clear that the last two italicized sentences even belong in verse 16:20.* Acts 8:1 states that **the apostles** remained in **Jerusalem** so “they” must mean those whom **the apostles** sent.

A former magician’s incomplete repentance

Act 8:9 But there was a certain man, called **Simon**,

- which beforetime in the same city used sorcery,
- and bewitched the people of **Samaria**,
- giving out[claiming] that himself was some great one:

Act 8:10 To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of **God**.

Act 8:11 And to him they had regard, because *that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries.*

Act 8:12 *But when they believed **Philip** preaching the things concerning*

- **the kingdom of God,**
- **and the name of Jesus Christ,**

they were baptized, both men and women.

Act 8:13 Then **Simon** himself believed also:

- and when he was baptized, he continued with **Philip**,
- and wondered, beholding *the miracles and signs* which were done.

New believers in Samaria receive the Holy Spirit

Act 8:14 Now when **the apostles** which were at **Jerusalem** heard that **Samaria** had received the word of **God**, they sent unto them **Peter** and **John**: Act 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them,

- that they might receive the Holy Ghost [Spirit]:
 - Act 8:16 (**For as yet he was fallen upon none of them:**
 - only they were baptized in **the name of the Lord Jesus.**)
- Act 8:17 Then laid they *their* hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost [Spirit].

Peter rebukes Simon the former magician

The power and gifts of **God** are never to be sold or bartered

Act 8:18 And when **Simon** saw that **through laying on of the apostles' hands** the Holy Ghost [Spirit] was given, he offered them money,

Act 8:19 Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**.

Act 8:20 But **Peter** said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of **God** may be purchased with money.

Act 8:21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of **God**.

Act 8:22 Repent therefore of this thy **wickedness**, and pray **God**, if perhaps **the thought of thine heart** may be forgiven thee.

Act 8:23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of **bitterness**, and *in* the bond of **iniquity**.

Note: In this present time period (20th century and early 21st century) the Illuminati bribes preachers (propping up their “ministry”) to distort the gospel emphasizing seeking **God** for his gifts and de-emphasizing obedience to Christ.

Act 8:24 Then answered **Simon**, and said, Pray ye to **the Lord** for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

Peter and John return to Jerusalem via outlying villages of Samaria

Act 8:25 And they, when they had testified and preached **the word of the Lord**, returned to **Jerusalem**, and preached the gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.

Philip shares the gospel with an Ethiopian Eunuch

Act 8:26 And **the angel of the Lord** spake unto **Philip**, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from **Jerusalem** unto **Gaza**, which is desert.

Act 8:27 And he arose and went:

and, behold, **a man of Ethiopia**,

- an eunuch of great authority under **Candace queen of the Ethiopians**,
- who had the charge of all her treasure,
- and had come to **Jerusalem** for to worship,

Act 8:28 Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read **Esaias [Isaiah] the prophet**.

Act 8:29 Then **the Spirit** said unto **Philip**, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Act 8:30 And **Philip** ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias [Isaiah], and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Act 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

And he desired **Philip** that he would come up and sit with him.

Act 8:32 The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: (Isa 53:7)

Act 8:33 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. (no reference found in the Old Testament)

Act 8:34 And the eunuch answered **Philip**, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Act 8:35 Then **Philip** opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him **Jesus**.

Act 8:36 And as they went on *their* way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, *here is* water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

Act 8:37 And **Philip** said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, **I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.**

Act 8:38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still:

and they went down both into the water, both **Philip** and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

The Holy Spirit transports Philip to his next location to start preaching

Act 8:39 And when they were come up out of the water, **the Spirit of the Lord** caught away **Philip**, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing.

Act 8:40 But **Philip** was found at **Azotus** (note: **Ashdod**):

and passing through he *preached in all the cities*, till he came to **Caesarea**.

Saul on the way to Damascus is met by Jesus

Act 9:1 And **Saul**, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of **the Lord**, went unto **the high priest**,

Act 9:2 And desired of him letters to **Damascus** to **the synagogues**, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto **Jerusalem**.

Act 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near **Damascus**:

and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

Act 9:4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

Act 9:5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord?

And **the Lord** said, **I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks [sharp pointed objects].**

Act 9:6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?

And **the Lord** said unto him, **Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.**

Act 9:7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man.

Act 9:8 And **Saul** arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought *him* into **Damascus**.

Act 9:9 And he was **three days without sight**, and neither did eat nor drink.

Ananias shares the Gospel with Saul

Act 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at **Damascus**, named **Ananias**; and to him said **the Lord** in a vision, **Ananias**. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

Act 9:11 And **the Lord** said unto him,

Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

Act 9:12 **And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.**

Act 9:13 Then **Ananias** answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to **thy saints** at **Jerusalem**:

Act 9:14 And here he hath authority from **the chief priests** to bind **all that call on thy name**.

Act 9:15 But **the Lord** said unto him, **Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:**

Act 9:16 **For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.**

Act 9:17 And **Ananias** went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother **Saul**, the Lord, *even Jesus*, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, *hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit]*.

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, *and arose, and was baptized*.

Act 9:19a And when he had received meat [food], he was strengthened.

After spending several days in Damascus Saul preaches the Gospel

Act 9:19b Then was **Saul** certain [G5100:some] days with the disciples which were at **Damascus**.

Act 9:20 *And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God.*

Act 9:21 But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said; Is not this he that destroyed *them which called on this name in Jerusalem*, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto **the chief priests**?

Act 9:22 *But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ.*

Saul escapes the Jewish Leaders plot to kill him

Act 9:23 And *after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him*:

Act 9:24 But their laying await was known of **Saul**. *And they watched the gates day and night to kill him.*

Act 9:25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let *him* down by the wall in a basket.

Barnabas introduces Saul to the disciples

Act 9:26 And when **Saul** was come to **Jerusalem**, he assayed [attempted] to join himself to **the disciples**: but they were all afraid of him, and believed not that he was **a disciple**.

Act 9:27 But **Barnabas** took him, and brought *him* to **the apostles**, and declared unto them how he had seen **the Lord** in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at **Damascus** in **the name of Jesus**.

Act 9:28 And he was with them coming in and going out at **Jerusalem**.

Act 9:29 *And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus,*

G2424:ΙἸῆσους

ee-ay-sooce'

Of Hebrew origin [H3091]; *Jesus* (that is, *Jehoshua*), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: - *Jesus*.

yeh-ho-shoo'-ah, yeh-ho-shoo'-ah

From H3068 and H3467; *Jehovah-saved; Jehoshua* (that is, *Joshua*), the Jewish leader: - *Jehoshua, Jehoshuah, Joshua*. Compare H1954, H3442.

and disputed against the Grecians [G1675: Hellenistic **Jews**]: *but they went about to slay him.*

Note: Hellenistic **Jews** are Greek speaking **Jews**

Act 9:30 *Which* when the **brethren** knew, they brought him down to **Caesarea**, and sent him forth to **Tarsus**.

Note: Possible locations for **Tarsus** include modern day Turkey and Spain.

Act 9:31 Then had **the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost [Spirit], were multiplied.**

PETER'S MINISTRY

Aeneas' Eighteen Year Paralysis healed - Many turn to the Lord

Act 9:32 And it came to pass, as **Peter** passed throughout all *quarters*, (Note: on his way to **Jerusalem** via the villages of **Samaria** - Acts 8:25) he came down also to the saints which dwelt at **Lydda**.

Act 9:33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, which had kept his bed eight years, and was sick of the palsy.

Act 9:34 And **Peter** said unto him, Aeneas, **Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise**, and make thy bed. *And he arose immediately.*

Act 9:35 *And all that dwelt at Lydda and Saron [Sharon] saw him, and turned to the Lord.*

Dorcas is resurrected- Many turn to the Lord

Act 9:36 Now there was at **Joppa** a certain disciple named **Tabitha**, which by interpretation is called **Dorcas**:

- *this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did.*

Act 9:37 And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid *her* in an upper chamber.

Act 9:38 And forasmuch as **Lydda** was nigh to **Joppa**, and **the disciples** had heard that **Peter** was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring *him* that he would not delay to come to them.

Act 9:39 Then **Peter** arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which **Dorcas** made, while she was with them.

Act 9:40 But **Peter** put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning *him* to the body said, *Tabitha, arise*. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw **Peter**, she sat up.

Act 9:41 And he gave her *his* hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, *presented her alive*.

Act 9:42 *And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord.*

Act 9:43 *And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.*

The Gospel is for all Nations

An Angel commands Peter to preach the Gospel to the household of Cornelius

Act 10:1 There was a certain man in **Caesarea** called **Cornelius**, a centurion of the band called the Italian *band [military cohort]*,

- *Act 10:2 A devout man,*
- *and one that feared God with all his house,*
- *which gave much alms to the people,*
- *and prayed to God always [continually].*

Act 10:3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day **an angel of God** coming in to him, and saying unto him, **Cornelius**.

Act 10:4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord?

And he said unto him,

Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

Act 10:5 And now send men to **Joppa**, and call for *one* **Simon**, whose surname is **Peter**:

Act 10:6 He lodgeth with one **Simon a tanner**, whose house is by **the sea side**: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

(note: **Caesarea** and **Joppa** are on the Mediterranean Coast near to each other)

Act 10:7 And when **the angel** which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of **his household servants**, and a **devout soldier** of them that waited on him continually;

Act 10:8 And when he had declared all *these* things unto them, he sent them to **Joppa**.

Act 10:9 On the morrow [next day], as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, **Peter** went up upon the housetop to pray **about the sixth hour**:

Act 10:10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

Act 10:11 and he *beheld the sky opened up, and a certain object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground, (NASV)

Act 10:11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: (KJV)

Act 10:11 and he doth behold the heaven opened, and descending unto him a certain vessel, as a great sheet, bound at the four corners, and let down upon the earth, (Young's Literal Translation)

Act 10:12 Wherein were **all manner of** fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

Act 10:13 And there came a voice to him, **Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.**

Act 10:14 But **Peter** said, Not so, Lord; for **I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.**

Act 10:15 And the voice *spake* unto him again the second time, **What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.**

Act 10:16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

Act 10:17 Now while **Peter** doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from **Cornelius** had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

Act 10:18 And called, and asked whether **Simon, which was surnamed Peter**, were lodged there.

Act 10:19 While **Peter** thought on the vision, **the Spirit** said unto him, **Behold, three men seek thee.**

Act 10:20 **Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.**

Act 10:21 Then **Peter** went down to the men which were sent unto him from **Cornelius**; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what *is* the cause wherefore ye are come?

Act 10:22 And they said, **Cornelius**

- the centurion,
- a just man, and one that feareth God,
- and of good report among all the nation of **the Jews**,

was warned **from God by an holy angel** to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Act 10:23 Then called he them in, and lodged *them*.

And on the morrow [next day] **Peter** went away with them, and certain **brethren** from **Joppa** accompanied him.

Act 10:24a And the morrow after they entered into **Caesarea**.

Act 10:24b

And **Cornelius** waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

Act 10:25 And as **Peter** was coming in, **Cornelius** met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped *him*.

Act 10:26 But **Peter** took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

Act 10:27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

Act 10:28 And he said unto them, **Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.**

Act 10:29 Therefore came I *unto you* without gainsaying [objecting], as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

Act 10:30 And **Cornelius** said, **Four days ago** I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, **a man stood before me in bright clothing**,

Act 10:31 And said, **Cornelius**,

- thy prayer is heard,
- and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of **God**.

Act 10:32 Send therefore to **Joppa**, and call hither **Simon, whose surname is Peter**; he is lodged in the house of *one Simon a tanner* by **the sea side**: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

Act 10:33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before **God**, to hear all things that are commanded thee of **God**.

The Gospel Peter preached to the household of Cornelius

Act 10:34

Then **Peter** opened *his* mouth, and said,

Of a truth I perceive that **God** is no respecter of persons [does not show partiality]:

Act 10:35 But **in every nation**

- he that feareth him,
- and worketh righteousness,

is accepted with him.

Act 10:36 **The word** which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by **Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)**

Act 10:37 **That word**, *I say*, ye know, which was published

- throughout all **Judaea**,
- and began from **Galilee**,
- after the baptism which **John** preached;
- Act 10:38 **How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost [Spirit] and with power:**
- who went about doing good,
- and healing all that were oppressed of the devil;
- for God was with him.

Act 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in **the land of the Jews**, and in **Jerusalem**:

whom **they slew and hanged on a tree:**

Act 10:40 Him **God raised up the third day**, and shewed him openly;

- Act 10:41 Not to all the people,

but unto **witnesses chosen before of God**, *even* to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

Note:

1Co 15:3 For I (Paul) delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to **the Scriptures**,

1Co 15:4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to **the Scriptures**,

1Co 15:5 and that He appeared to Cephas(Peter), **then to the twelve**.

1Co 15:6 **After that** He appeared to more than five hundred **brethren** at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep;

1Co 15:7 then He appeared to **James, then to all the apostles;**

1Co 15:8 and last of all, as it were to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

Act 10:42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people,

and to testify that **it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick [living] and dead**.

Act 10:43 **To him give all the prophets witness,**

that through his name whosoever believeth in **him** shall receive remission of sins.

Baptism and Receiving the Holy Spirit - The order doesn't matter

Act 10:44 While **Peter** yet spake these words, **the Holy Ghost [Spirit] fell on all them which heard the word.**

Act 10:45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with **Peter**, because **that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost [Spirit].**

Act 10:46 For they heard them *speak with tongues, and magnify God.*

Then answered **Peter**,

Act 10:47 **Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost [Spirit] as well as we?**

Act 10:48 And he commanded them to be **baptized in the name of the Lord.**

<p>Act 10:48 And he R1 ordered^{G4367} them to be baptized^{G907} R2 in the name^{G3686} of Jesus^{G2424} Christ^{G5547}. Then^{G5119} they asked^{G2065} him to stay^{G1961} on for a few^{G5100} days^{G2250}. (KJV - with Strong's Concordance)</p>	<p>Act 10:48 And^{G5037} he commanded^{G4367} them^{G846} to be baptized^{G907} in^{G1722} the^{G3588} name^{G3686} of the^{G3588} Lord.^{G2962} Then^{G5119} prayed^{G2065} they him^{G846} to tarry^{G1961} certain^{G5100} days.^{G2250} (NASV - with a modified Strong's concordance)</p>
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Discrepancy: The NASV and KJV versions refer to different Greek manuscripts and have their own concordances respectively.

Act 10:48b Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Peter convinces the Circumcised Jews that Uncircumcised Believing Gentiles are not excluded from the kingdom of God

Act 11:1 And **the apostles** and **brethren** that were in **Judaea** heard that the **Gentiles** had also received the word of **God**.

Act 11:2 And when **Peter** was come up to **Jerusalem**, they that were of the circumcision contended with him,

Act 11:3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.

Act 11:4 But **Peter** rehearsed *the matter* from the beginning, and expounded *it by order* unto them, saying,

Act 11:5 I was in the city of **Joppa** praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

Act 11:6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

Act 11:7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, **Peter**; slay and eat.

Act 11:8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

Act 11:9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What **God** hath cleansed, *that* call not thou common.

Act 11:10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

Act 11:11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from **Caesarea** unto me.

Act 11:12 And **the Spirit** bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six **brethren** accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

Act 11:13 And he shewed us how he had seen **an angel** in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to **Joppa**, and call for Simon, whose surname is **Peter**;

Act 11:14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

Act 11:15 And as I began to speak, **the Holy Ghost [Spirit] fell on them, as on us at the beginning.**

Act 11:16 Then remembered I **the word of the Lord**, how that **he** said, **John** indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost [Spirit].

Act 11:17 Forasmuch then as **God gave them the like [same] gift as he did** unto us, who believed on **the Lord Jesus Christ**; what was I, that I could withstand **God**?

Act 11:18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified **God**, saying, Then hath **God** also to the **Gentiles** granted repentance unto life.

MINISTRIES OF THE SCATTERED

Act 11:19 Now they which were scattered abroad upon the persecution that arose about **Stephen** travelled as far as Phenice [**Phoenicia**], and **Cyprus**, and **Antioch**, preaching the word to none but unto **the Jews** only.

Act 11:20 And some of them were men of **Cyprus** and **Cyrene**, which, when they were come to **Antioch**, spake unto the Grecians, **preaching the Lord Jesus**. (Note: Cyrene is in eastern Libya, **Antioch** in Turkey or Syria depending on the time period of land grabs.)

Act 11:21 *And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.*

BEGINNING OF THE MINISTRY OF PAUL AND BARNABAS TOGETHER

Act 11:22 Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in **Jerusalem**: and they sent forth **Barnabas**, that he should go as far as **Antioch**.

Act 11:23 Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of **God**, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto **the Lord**.

Act 11:24 *For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost [Spirit] and of faith:* and much people was added unto **the Lord**.

Act 11:25 Then departed **Barnabas** to **Tarsus**, for to seek **Saul**:

Act 11:26 And when he had found him, he brought him unto **Antioch**. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people.

And **the disciples** were called Christians first in **Antioch**.

Note: “Christian” was originally a derisive/mocking term used by **Romans** meaning follower of Christ and not of the emperor of **Rome**. Originally Christians were called Nazarenes, as Jesus’ childhood home town was Nazareth in **Galilee**)

Faith to give during a severe famine

Act 11:27 **And in these days** came **prophets** from **Jerusalem** unto **Antioch**.

Act 11:28 And there stood up one of them named **Agabus**, and signified by **the Spirit** that there should be **great dearth [famine] throughout all the world**:

which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Act 11:29 Then **the disciples**, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the **brethren** which dwelt in **Judaea**:

Act 11:30 Which also they did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of **Barnabas** and **Saul**.

King Herod has James executed

Act 12:1 Now about that time **Herod the king** stretched forth *his hands to vex [mistreat] certain of the church*.

Note: **Herod** Agrippa, AD 41-44)

Act 12:2 And he killed **James** the brother of **John** with the sword.

Note: James (son of Zebedee and older brother of John)

Herod has Peter arrested

Act 12:3 And **because he saw it pleased the Jews**, he proceeded further to take **Peter** also.

(Then were [now it was during] the days of unleavened bread.) **Note:** The Passover celebration.

An angel rescues Peter from prison

<p>Act 12:4 And when he had apprehended him, he put <i>him</i> in prison, and delivered <i>him</i> to four quaternions [squads] of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people. (KJV)</p>	<p>Act 12:4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people. (NASV)</p>
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Note: Jesus was crucified on the preparation day before the Sabbath and in this case, the annual Passover per Matthew 26. The Greek word for Passover used here (G3957: pascha) is of Chaldean origin meaning Easter derived from the mother goddess Ishtar (pronounced Easter) who, according to the Chaldeans, came down to earth in an egg.

Under each category are the same gods called by different names in different cultures/religions.

	Sun God / Father God	Moon Goddess / Mother God	Reborn Sun / God's Son
Babylon	Nimrod/Baal	Semiramis also called Ishtar - the mother and wife of Nimrod/Baal	Tammuz
Egypt	Ra	Isis	Horus
Greece	Zeus	Artemis	Adonis
Rome	Jupiter	Diana	Apollo
Nordic	Odin	Jord	Thor
Hindu	Vishnu	Chandra	Krishna
Roman Catholic	God	Virgin Mary	Jesus
Luciferian	Lucifer	Goddess Diana	Antichrist

Note: the Vatican and Cardinals worship a different Jesus than true Christians do. All religions have multiple gods under the three god structure. In Catholicism the multiple gods would be the saints having roles as intercessors. True Christianity does not have this structure. It was the Catholic church that gave us the tradition of Easter.

Herod in having Peter imprisoned then put on trial on the anniversary of Jesus' resurrection was an attempt to mock everything and everyone linked directly with Jesus Christ who is the only way to God.

Act 12:5 **Peter** therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto **God** for him.

Act 12:6 And when **Herod** would have brought him forth, the same night **Peter** was sleeping between **two soldiers**, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison.

Act 12:7 And, behold, **the angel of the Lord** came upon *him*, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote **Peter** on the side, and raised him up, saying, **Arise up quickly**.
And his chains fell off from *his* hands.

Act 12:8 And **the angel** said unto him, **Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals**.
And so he did.

And he saith unto him, **Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me**.

Act 12:9 And he went out, and followed him; and wist not [did not know] that it was true [real] which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.

Act 12:10 When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord:
and they went out, and passed on through one street;
and forthwith **the angel** departed from him.

Act 12:11 And when **Peter** was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that **the Lord** hath sent **his angel**, and hath delivered me out of the hand of **Herod**, and *from* all the expectation of **the people of the Jews**.

Peter reports his rescue to Mary the mother of John (Mark)

Act 12:12 And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of **Mary** the mother of **John, whose surname was Mark**; where many were gathered together praying.

Act 12:13 And as **Peter** knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named **Rhoda**.

Act 12:14 And when she knew [recognized] **Peter's** voice, she opened not the gate for gladness [joy], but ran in, and told how **Peter** stood before the gate.

Act 12:15 And they said unto her, Thou art mad.

But she constantly affirmed that it was even so.

Then said they, It is his angel.

Act 12:16 But **Peter** continued knocking: and when they had opened *the door*, and saw him, they were astonished.

Act 12:17 But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how **the Lord** had brought him out of the prison.

And he said, Go shew these things unto James, and to the **brethren**.

Note: James, son of Alphaeus

And he departed, and went into another place.

Herod has the guards executed

Act 12:18 **Now as soon as it was day**, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of **Peter**.

Act 12:19 And when **Herod** had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the keepers [guards], and commanded that *they* should be put to death.

An angel of the Lord executes Herod

Act 12:19b And he went down from **Judaea** to **Caesarea**, and *there* abode.

Act 12:20 And **Herod** was highly displeased with them of **Tyre** and **Sidon**: but they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, desired peace; because their country was nourished by the king's *country*.

Act 12:21 And **upon a set day Herod**, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne, and made an oration unto them.

Act 12:22 And the people gave a shout, *saying, It is the voice of a god, and not of a man.*

Act 12:23 And immediately **the angel of the Lord smote him**, because he gave not **God** the glory: **and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost [spirit]**.

Act 12:24 **But the word of God grew and multiplied.**

John (Mark) joins Saul and Barnabas

Act 12:25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem , when they had fulfilled <i>their</i> ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark .
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Act 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at **Antioch** certain **prophets** and **teachers**; as **Barnabas**, and **Simeon that was called Niger**, and **Lucius of Cyrene**, and **Manaen**, which had been brought up with **Herod the tetrarch**, and **Saul**.

Act 13:2 As they ministered to **the Lord**, and fasted, **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]** said, **Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.**

Act 13:3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away.

Act 13:4 So they, **being sent forth by the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, departed unto **Seleucia**; and from thence they sailed to **Cyprus**.

Act 13:5 And when they were at **Salamis**, **they preached the word of God** in **the synagogues** of **the Jews**: and they had also **John** to *their* minister.

Saul (Paul) demonstrates the power of the Holy Spirit against a Magician

Act 13:6 And when they had gone through the isle unto **Paphos**, they found a certain **sorcerer**, a **false prophet**, a Jew, whose name was **Barjesus**:

Act 13:7 Which was with **the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus**, a prudent man; who called for **Barnabas** and **Saul**, and **desired to hear the word of God**.

Act 13:8 But **Elymas the sorcerer** (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away **the deputy** from the faith.

Act 13:9 Then **Saul, (who also is called Paul,)** filled with the Holy Ghost [Spirit], set his eyes on him,

Act 13:10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, *thou* child of the devil, *thou* enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of **the Lord**?

Act 13:11 And now, behold, **the hand of the Lord** is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. **And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness**; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

Act 13:12 **Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.**

John (Mark) abandons Paul

Act 13:13 Now when **Paul** and his company loosed from **Paphos**, they came to **Perga in Pamphylia**: and **John** departing from them returned to **Jerusalem**.

Many Jews in Antioch warmly receive Paul's teaching on the history of Israel, and the propheties concerning Jesus Christ

Act 13:14 But when they departed from **Perga**, they came to **Antioch in Pisidia**, and went into **the synagogue** on **the sabbath day**, and sat down.

Act 13:15 And after the reading of **the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue** sent unto them, saying, *Ye men and brethren*, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on.

Act 13:16 Then **Paul** stood up, and beckoning with *his* hand said,

Men of Israel, and ye that fear **God**, give audience.

Act 13:17 **The God of this people of Israel** chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they dwelt as strangers in the land of **Egypt**, and with an high arm brought he them out of it.

Act 13:18 And about **the time of forty years** suffered [endured] he their manners in the wilderness.

Act 13:19 And when he had destroyed **seven nations in the land of Chanaan [Canaan]**, he divided their land to them by lot.

Act 13:20 And after that he gave *unto them* judges **about the space of four hundred and fifty years**, until **Samuel the prophet**.

Act 13:21 **And afterward they desired a king**: and **God** gave unto them **Saul** the son of Cis [Kish], a man of **the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years**.

Act 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them **David** to be their king; to whom also **he** gave testimony, and said,

I have found **David** the *son* of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.

Jer 3:15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.

1Sa 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him *to be* captain over his

	<p>people, because thou hast not kept <i>that</i> which the LORD commanded thee.</p> <p>Psa 89:19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon <i>one that is</i> mighty; I have exalted <i>one</i> chosen out of the people.</p> <p>Psa 89:20 I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him:</p> <p>Psa 89:21 With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.</p>
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Act 13:23 Of this man's seed [descendants] hath **God according to his promise** raised unto Israel **a Saviour, Jesus:**

Act 13:24 When **John** had first preached before his coming **the baptism of repentance** to all the people of Israel.

Act 13:25 And as **John** fulfilled his course, he said, Whom think ye that I am? I am not *he*. But, behold, there cometh one after me, whose shoes of *his* feet I am not worthy to loose.

Act 13:26 Men *and* **brethren**, children of the stock of **Abraham**, and whosoever among you feareth **God**, to you is the word of this salvation sent.

Act 13:27 For they that dwell at **Jerusalem**, and **their rulers**, because **they knew him not, nor yet** the voices of **the prophets** which are read **every sabbath day**, they have fulfilled *them in condemning him*.

Act 13:28 And **though they found no cause of death in him, yet desired they Pilate that he should be slain.**

Act 13:29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took *him* down from the tree, and laid *him* in a sepulchre.

Act 13:30 **But God raised him from the dead:**

Act 13:31 And he was seen **many days** of them which came up with him from **Galilee** to **Jerusalem**, who are his witnesses unto the people.

Act 13:32 And we declare unto you **glad tidings**, how that **the promise** which was made unto the fathers,

Act 13:33 **God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus** again; as it is also written in **the second psalm**, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee. (Psalm 2:7)

Act 13:34 And as concerning that **he raised him up from the dead, now** no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of **David**.

Isa 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and **I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.**

Act 13:35 Wherefore **he** saith also in another *psalm*, Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. (Psalm 16:10)

Act 13:36 For **David**, after he had served his own generation by the will of **God**, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption [underwent decay]:

Act 13:37 But **he**, whom **God** raised again, saw no corruption [did not undergo decay].

Act 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* **brethren**, that **through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:**

Act 13:39 And **by him** all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by **the law of Moses**.

Act 13:40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets;

Act 13:41 Behold, **ye despisers**, and wonder, **and perish**: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.
(warning of similar occurrences if disobedient and unrepentant)

Hab 1:5 Behold ye among the heathen, and regard, and wonder marvellously: for *I* will work a work in your days, *which* ye will not believe, though it be told *you*.

Hab 1:6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces *that are* not theirs.

Act 13:42 And when **the Jews** were gone out of **the synagogue**, the **Gentiles** besought that these words might be preached to them the next **sabbath**.

Act 13:43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of **the Jews** and religious **proselytes** followed **Paul** and **Barnabas**: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to **continue in the grace of God**.

Disbelieving Jews oppose Paul and Barnabas

Act 13:44 And the next **sabbath** day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of **God**.

Act 13:45 But when **the Jews** saw the multitudes, **they were filled with envy**, and spake against those things which were spoken by **Paul**, contradicting and blaspheming.

The Gospel is taken to the Gentiles

Act 13:46

Then **Paul** and **Barnabas** waxed bold, and said,

It was necessary that the word of **God** should first have been spoken to you:

but seeing **ye put it from you**, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life,

lo, we turn to the **Gentiles**.

Act 13:47 For so hath **the Lord** commanded us, *saying*,

I have set thee to be a light of the **Gentiles**, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

Isa 49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of **Jacob**, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the **Gentiles**, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

Act 13:48 And when the **Gentiles** heard this, they were glad, and glorified **the word of the Lord**: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

Act 13:49 **And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region**.

Act 13:50 But **the Jews** stirred up the devout and honourable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised persecution against **Paul** and **Barnabas**, and expelled them out of their coasts [borders].

Act 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them,

Note: Mark 6:11 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you, when ye depart thence, shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.

Act 13:51b and came unto **Iconium**.

Act 13:52 **And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**.

Iconium Jews stir up the Gentiles against Paul and Barnabas

Act 14:1 And it came to pass in **Iconium**, that they went both together into **the synagogue** of **the Jews**, and so spake, that a great multitude both of **the Jews** and also of the **Greeks** believed.

Act 14:2 But the unbelieving **Jews** stirred up the **Gentiles**, and made their minds evil affected against the brethren.

Act 14:3 Long time therefore abode they [Therefore they spent a long time *there*] *speaking boldly in the Lord*,

- *which gave testimony unto the word of his grace,*
- *and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands.*

Act 14:4 But the multitude of the city was divided: and part [some] held with **the Jews**, and part with **the apostles**.

Act 14:5 And when there was an assault [attempt] made both of the **Gentiles**, and also of **the Jews** with their rulers, to use *them* despitefully, and to stone them,

Act 14:6 They were ware of *it*, and fled unto **Lystra** and **Derbe**, cities of **Lycaonia**, and unto **the region that lieth round about**:

Act 14:7 *And there they preached the gospel.*

In Lystra A lame man is healed

Act 14:8 And there sat a certain man at **Lystra**, impotent [weak] in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

Act 14:9 The same heard **Paul** speak: *who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,*

Act 14:10 *Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.*

Paul and Barnabas are mistaken for gods

Act 14:11 And when the people saw what **Paul** had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of **Lycaonia**, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.

Act 14:12 And they called **Barnabas**, Jupiter; and **Paul**, Mercurius, because he was the chief speaker.

Act 14:13 Then **the priest of Jupiter**, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

Act 14:14 *Which* when **the apostles**, **Barnabas** and **Paul**, heard *of*, they rent their clothes, and ran in among the people, crying out,

Act 14:15 And saying, *Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God, which made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all things that are therein:* (Note : Several scriptures make this statement)

Act 14:16 Who in times past suffered [permitted] all nations to walk in their own ways.

Act 14:17 Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness.

Note: The severe consequences that followed were not immediate but God's wrath did come eventually and with warnings beforehand by prophets who were then persecuted and murdered.

Act 14:18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them.	Act 14:18 And <i>even</i> saying these things, they with difficulty restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them. (NASV)
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Agitators from outside Lystra stir up the residents against Paul

Act 14:19 And there came thither *certain Jews* from **Antioch** and **Iconium**, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned **Paul**, drew [dragged] *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead.

Paul is determined to preach and encourage in spite of being stoned to near death

Act 14:20 Howbeit, as **the disciples** stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with **Barnabas** to **Derbe**.

Act 14:21 And when they had *preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many*, they returned again to **Lystra**, and to **Iconium**, and **Antioch**,

- Act 14:22 Confirming the souls of **the disciples**,
- *and exhorting them to continue in the faith,*
- *and that we must through much tribulation enter into **the kingdom of God**.*

Act 14:23 **And when they had ordained them elders in every church**, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to **the Lord**, on whom they believed.

Act 14:24 And after they had passed throughout **Pisidia**, they came to **Pamphylia**.

Act 14:25 And when they had preached the word in **Perga**, they went down into **Attalia**:

Act 14:26 And thence sailed to **Antioch**, from whence they had been recommended to *the grace of God for the work which they fulfilled*.

Act 14:27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that **God** had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the **Gentiles**.

Act 14:28 *And there they abode long time with the disciples.*

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Controversy whether or not circumcision is necessary for salvation

Act 15:1 And certain men which came down from **Judaea** taught the **brethren**, and said, Except ye be circumcised after the manner of **Moses**, ye cannot be saved.

Act 15:2 When therefore **Paul** and **Barnabas** had no small dissension and disputation with them, they determined that **Paul** and **Barnabas**, and certain other of them, should go up to **Jerusalem** unto **the apostles** and **elders** about this question.

Act 15:3 And being brought on their way by the church, they passed through **Phenice [Phoenicia]** and **Samaria**, declaring the conversion of the **Gentiles**: and they caused great joy unto all the **brethren**.

Act 15:4 And when they were come to **Jerusalem**, they were received of the church, and of **the apostles** and **elders**, and they declared all things that **God** had done with them.

Act 15:5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the **Pharisees which believed**, saying, That it was needful to circumcise them, and to command *them* to keep **the law** of **Moses**.

Act 15:6 And **the apostles** and **elders** came together for to consider of this matter.

Peter, Paul, Barnabas, and James in unity argue that Circumcision is not necessary for salvation

Act 15:7 And when there had been much disputing, **Peter** rose up, and said unto them,

Men *and brethren*, ye know how that a good while ago **God** made choice among us, that the **Gentiles** by my mouth should *hear the word of the gospel, and believe*.

Act 15:8 And **God**, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost [Spirit], even as *he did* unto us;

Act 15:9 *And put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*

Act 15:10 Now therefore why tempt ye **God**, to put a yoke upon the neck of **the disciples**, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

Act 15:11 But *we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.*

Act 15:12 Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to **Barnabas** and **Paul**, declaring what *miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them.*

Act 15:13 And after they had held their peace, **James** answered, saying,
Men *and brethren*, hearken unto me:

Act 15:14 **Simeon** hath declared how **God** at the first did visit the **Gentiles**, to take out of them **a people for his name**.

Act 15:15 And to this agree **the words of the prophets**; as it is written,

Act 15:16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of **David**, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Act 15:17 That the residue of men might seek after **the Lord**, and all the **Gentiles**, upon whom **my name** is called, **saith the Lord**, who doeth all these things.

Act 15:18 Known unto **God** are all his works from the beginning of the world.

Amo 9:11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of **David** that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

Hos 3:5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek **the LORD their God**, and **David** their king; and shall fear **the LORD** and his goodness in the latter days.

Isa 46:9 Remember the former things of old: for **I am God**, and *there is none else*; **I am God**, and *there is none like me*,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Act 15:19 Wherefore my sentence [judgment] is, that we trouble not them, which from among the **Gentiles** are turned to **God**:

Act 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain

- from pollutions of idols, (note: meat sacrificed to idols)
- and *from* fornication, (note: sex outside marriage between a man and a woman, neither who have gone through a sex change operation)
- and *from* things strangled, (note: eating animals choked to death)
- and *from* blood. (note: ceremonial rites of drinking blood)

Act 15:21 For **Moses** of old time hath in every city **them** that preach him, being read in **the synagogues** every **sabbath** day.

Paul, Barnabas, Judas, and Silas are sent back to Antioch to relate their findings about Circumcision

Act 15:22 Then pleased it **the apostles** and **elders**, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to **Antioch** with **Paul** and **Barnabas**; *namely*, **Judas surnamed Barsabas**, and **Silas**, chief men among the **brethren**:

Act 15:23 And they wrote *letters* by them after this manner; **The apostles** and **elders** and **brethren** *send* greeting unto the **brethren** which are of the **Gentiles** in **Antioch** and **Syria** and **Cilicia**:

Act 15:24 Forasmuch as we have heard, that **certain** which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, *Ye must* be circumcised, and keep **the law**: to whom we gave no *such* commandment:

Act 15:25 It seemed good unto us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men unto you with our beloved **Barnabas** and **Paul**,

Act 15:26 Men that have hazarded their lives for **the name of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

Act 15:27 We have sent therefore **Judas** and **Silas**, who shall also tell *you* the same things by mouth.

Act 15:28 For it seemed good to **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]**, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Act 15:29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well.

Fare ye well [Farewell].

Act 15:30 So when they were dismissed, they came to **Antioch**:

and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:

Act 15:31 *Which* when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.

Act 15:32 And **Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves**, exhorted the **brethren** with many words, and confirmed *them*.

Act 15:33 **And after they had tarried there a space**, they were let go in peace from the **brethren** unto **the apostles**.

Act 15:34 Notwithstanding it pleased **Silas** to abide there still.

Act 15:35 **Paul** also and **Barnabas** continued in **Antioch**, *teaching and preaching the word of the Lord*, with **many others** also.

Paul and Silas go to Syria and Cilicia, Barnabas and John (Mark) to Cyprus

Act 15:36 And some days after **Paul** said unto **Barnabas**, Let us go again and visit our **brethren** in every city where we have preached **the word of the Lord**, *and see* how they do.

Act 15:37 And **Barnabas** determined to take with them **John, whose surname was Mark**.

Act 15:38 But **Paul** thought not good to take him with them, who departed [deserted] from them from **Pamphylia**, and went not with them to the work.

Act 15:39

And the contention was so sharp between them, that they departed asunder one from the other:

- and so **Barnabas** took **Mark**, and sailed unto **Cyprus**;
- **Act 15:40** And **Paul** chose **Silas**, and departed, being recommended by the **brethren** unto the grace of **God**.

Act 15:41 And he went through **Syria** and **Cilicia**, confirming the churches.

Timothy joins Paul

Act 16:1 Then came he to **Derbe** and **Lystra**: and, behold, a certain disciple was there, named **Timotheus [Timothy]**,

- the son of a certain woman, which was a Jewess, *and believed*;
- but his father *was* a **Greek**:

Act 16:2 Which [he] was well reported of by the **brethren** that were at **Lystra** and **Iconium**.

Act 16:3 **Him would Paul have to go forth with him**; and took and circumcised him because of **the Jews** which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a **Greek**.

Act 16:4 And as they went through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of **the apostles** and **elders** which were at **Jerusalem**.

Act 16:5 *And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily.*

Certain places where the gospel was not to be preached at that time

Act 16:6 Now when they had gone throughout **Phrygia** and the region of **Galatia**, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost [Spirit] to preach the word in Asia, (*Note: the western coast of modern day Turkey, not the modern Asia of today*)

Act 16:7 After they were come to **Mysia**, they assayed [attempted] to go into **Bithynia**: (*Note: northwest coast of modern day Turkey*) but **the Spirit** suffered [permitted] them not.

Act 16:8 And they passing by **Mysia** came down to **Troas**.

Act 16:9 And a vision appeared to **Paul** in the night; There stood a man of **Macedonia**, and prayed him, saying, Come over into **Macedonia**, and help us.

Paul's group speaks to some women in Philippi

Act 16:10 And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into **Macedonia**, assuredly gathering that **the Lord** had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

Act 16:11 Therefore loosing from **Troas**, we came with a straight course to **Samothracia [Samothrace]** (note: an island), and the next *day* to **Neapolis**;

Act 16:12 And from thence to **Philippi**, which is the chief city of that part of **Macedonia**, and a **{Roman} colony**: and we were in that city abiding certain days.

Act 16:13 And on the **sabbath** we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont [supposingly] to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto **the women** which resorted *thither* [assembled there].

Act 16:14 And a certain woman named **Lydia**,

- a seller of purple,
- of the city of **Thyatira**,
- which worshipped **God**,

heard *us*:

whose heart **the Lord** opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of **Paul**.

Act 16:15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought *us*, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to **the Lord**, come into my house, and abide *there*.

And she constrained us.

Paul takes authority over a spirit of Divination

Act 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by **soothsaying [fortunetelling]**:

Note: Divination is any form of fortunetelling: Astrology, Palm-reading, Tarot Cards, Clairvoyancy, Crystal Balls, Mediums, Ouija Boards, etc.

Act 16:17 The same followed **Paul** and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of **the most high God**, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Note: A demon-possessed person cannot do anything of his own volition; he is completely controlled by the demons infesting his spirit. In order to get help to overcome their control he must create a commotion hoping that the one annoyed will have discernment to cast out the demons inside him. (Source: **John Todd**, ex 32nd degree freemason formerly on the Druid council of 13, who then gave his life to Jesus and was persecuted for it)

Act 16:18 And this did she many days. But **Paul**, being grieved, turned and said to **the Spirit**, *I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.*

Paul and Silas are beaten severely and thrown in prison for causing a loss of profits to those promoting witchcraft

Act 16:19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught **Paul** and **Silas**, and drew [dragged] *them* into the marketplace unto the rulers,

Act 16:20 And brought them to the **magistrates**, saying, These men, being **Jews**, do exceedingly trouble our city,

Act 16:21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being **Romans**.

Act 16:22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them {with rods}.

Act 16:23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast *them* into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely:

Act 16:24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

Paul and Silas turn down an opportunity to escape

Act 16:25 And at midnight **Paul** and **Silas** prayed, and sang praises unto **God**: and the prisoners heard them.

Act 16:26 And suddenly there was *a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed.*

Act 16:27 And **the keeper of the prison** awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled.

Act 16:28 But **Paul** cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

Salvation comes to the household of Paul's Jailer

Act 16:29 Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before **Paul** and **Silas**,

Act 16:30 And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

Act 16:31 And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house [household].**

Act 16:32 And they spake unto him **the word of the Lord**, and to all that were in his house.

Act 16:33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed *their* stripes; **and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.**

Act 16:34 And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, **and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.**

The Chief Magistrates become afraid of Paul, learning he is a Roman Citizen

Act 16:35 And when it was day, the **magistrates** sent the **serjeants [policemen]**, saying, Let those men go.

Act 16:36 And **the keeper of the prison** told this saying to **Paul**, The **magistrates** have sent to let you go: now therefore depart, and go in peace.

Act 16:37 But **Paul** said unto them, **They have beaten us openly uncondemned, being Romans, and have cast us into prison; and now do they thrust us out privily [secretly]?** nay verily; but let them come themselves and fetch us out.

Act 16:38 And the **serjeants** told these words unto the **magistrates**: and they feared, when they heard that they were **Romans**.

Act 16:39 And they came and besought them, and brought *them* out, and desired *them* to depart out of the city.

Paul and Silas encourage the brethren at Lydia's house

Act 16:40 And they went out of the prison, and entered into *the house of Lydia*:

and when they had seen the **brethren**, they comforted them, and departed.

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Paul and Silas preach the gospel in Thessalonica

Act 17:1 Now when they had passed through **Amphipolis** and **Apollonia**, they came to **Thessalonica**, where was a synagogue of **the Jews**:

Act 17:2 And **Paul**, as his manner was, went in unto them, and **three sabbath** days reasoned with them out of **the scriptures**,

Act 17:3 Opening and alleging [explaining and giving evidence],

- that Christ must needs have suffered,
- and risen again from the dead;
- and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Act 17:4 **And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.**

Outsiders stir up a mob in Thessalonica against Paul and Silas

Act 17:5 But **the Jews** which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the house of **Jason**, and sought to bring them out to the people.

Act 17:6 And when they found them not, they drew [dragged] **Jason** and certain **brethren** unto the rulers of the city, crying,

These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Act 17:7 Whom **Jason** hath received:

and these all do contrary to the decrees of **Caesar**, saying that there is **another king, one Jesus**.

Act 17:8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

Act 17:9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

The faithful Bereans compare what people say to the Scriptures

Act 17:10 And the **brethren** immediately sent away **Paul** and **Silas** by night unto **Berea**: who coming *thither* [there] went into **the synagogue** of **the Jews**.

Act 17:11 These were more noble than those in **Thessalonica**, in that they

- received **the word** with all readiness of mind,
- and searched **the scriptures** daily, whether those things were so.

Act 17:12 Many of them therefore believed, along with a number of prominent **Greek** women and men. (NASV)

Act 17:12 Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were **Greeks**, and of men, not a few. (KJV)

Note: **the Scriptures** (inspired/ by God, divinely breathed in - G2315 - 2 Timothy 3:16) are **defined by Jesus** as the Law of Moses and the words God spoke to and through the prophets in the Old Testament and mentioned in the Old Testament that don't have books/writings attributed to them in the Bible.

Luk_24:44 And **he** said unto them, **These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.** **Luk 24:45** **Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,** (Note: The Scriptures were written before any of the New Testament.)

The message of the Gospel is found within Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, AND Acts, AND in the letters (also called Epistles) by some of the apostles/disciples despite "The Gospel according to" headers found only in Matthew through John.

The Bible is not dictated word for word by God but **The Word of God is Jesus Christ himself** and the words he spoke and still speaks today; **The Word of God** is also God the Father and the Holy spirit.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was **the Word**, and the Word was with God, and **the Word was God**.

Joh 1:14 And **the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Joh 5:46 For had ye believed **Moses**, ye would have believed me: for **he wrote of me**.

Joh 5:47 But if ye believe not **his writings**, how shall ye believe **my words**?

The Protestant Bible as we know it today, presently of this writing, the year 2019 (since 1560 beginning with the Geneva Bible) is a collection of scriptures (the law of Moses, the prophets, psalms), the Gospel, and the letters (also called epistles) written by the apostles/disciples. **The numerous discrepancies (a careful study/comparison reveals) does not invalidate the overall unity** of the included writings as they are simply errors of logistics and counts/amounts of people/things, but the overall message is not corrupt. **The message and focus of the Bible** is how to have an intimate personal relationship with God through **Jesus Christ, the Word of God**, who is the exact representation of God's nature and character (Hebrews 1:1-3).

The entire Apocrypha was included with the 1611 release of the King James Version and parts of it were included with the Geneva Bible. In the 1800's a committee convened to remove the entire Apocrypha from the Bible.

There are writings mentioned in Kings and Chronicles and by the Prophets that have been left out of the Bible.

Outsiders stir up a mob against Paul and Silas again in Berea

Act 17:13 But when **the Jews** of **Thessalonica** had knowledge that **the word of God** was preached of **Paul** at **Berea**, they came thither [there] also, and stirred up the people.

Act 17:14 And then immediately the **brethren** sent away **Paul** to go as it were to the sea: but **Silas** and **Timotheus** [**Timothy**] abode there still.

Paul reasons with Epicurean and Stoic Philosophers in Athens

Act 17:15 And they that conducted **Paul** brought him unto **Athens**: and receiving a commandment unto **Silas** and **Timotheus** [**Timothy**] for to come to him with all speed, they departed.

Act 17:16 Now while **Paul** waited for them at **Athens**, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.

Act 17:17 Therefore disputed he in **the synagogue** with **the Jews**, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him.

Act 17:18 Then certain **philosophers** of the **Epicureans**, and of the **Stoicks**, encountered him. And some said, What will this babbler say?

other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods: because **he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection**.

Act 17:19 And they took him, and brought him unto **Areopagus**, saying, May we know what this new doctrine, whereof thou speakest, *is*?

Act 17:20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean.

Act 17:21 (For all the **Athenians** and strangers which were there spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing.)

Act 17:22

Then **Paul** stood in the midst of **Mars' hill** [**the Areopagus**], and said,

Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious [more religious than others].

Act 17:23 For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, him declare I unto you.

Act 17:24 **God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;**

Act 17:25 **Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;**

Act 17:26 And hath made of one blood

all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,

- and hath determined the times before appointed,
- and the bounds of their habitation;

Act 17:27 That they should seek **the Lord**,

- if haply they might feel [search] after him,
- and find him,

though he be not far from every one of us:

Act 17:28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

Act 17:29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of **God**, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

Act 17:30 And **the times of this ignorance** God winked at [overlooked, did not punish completely]; but **now commandeth all men every where to repent**:

Note: All throughout the Old Testament God punished by death those who deliberately rebelled against Him, but those who sinned in ignorance God simply warned. When they repented they offered up the appropriate sacrifice through a priest.

Act 17:31 **Because he hath appointed a day**, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness** by **that man whom he hath ordained**;

whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Note similar message preached at Lystra:

Act 14:15 and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We are also men of the same nature as you, and preach the gospel to you in order that you should turn from these vain things to a living **God**, WHO MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM.

Act 14:16 "And in the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways;

Act 14:17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Act 17:32 And when they heard of *the resurrection of the dead*, some mocked: and others said, We will hear thee again of this *matter*.

Act 17:33 So **Paul** departed from among them.

Act 17:34 Howbeit **certain men clave unto him, and believed**: among the which *was* **Dionysius the Areopagite**, and a woman named **Damaris**, and **others** with them.

Paul teaches the Gentiles in Corinth after being rejected by the Jews

Act 18:1 After these things **Paul** departed from **Athens**, and came to **Corinth**;

Act 18:2 And found

- a certain Jew named **Aquila**, born in **Pontus**, lately come from **Italy**,
- with his wife **Priscilla**; (See Rom 16:3, 1Co 16:19, 2Ti 4:19 Prisca might be a nickname for Priscilla)
- (because that **Claudius had commanded all Jews to depart from Rome**:)

and came unto them.

Act 18:3 And because he was of the same craft, he abode with them, and wrought: for by their occupation they were tentmakers.

Act 18:4 And he reasoned in **the synagogue** every **sabbath**, and persuaded **the Jews** and the **Greeks**.

Act 18:5 And when **Silas** and **Timotheus [Timothy]** were come from **Macedonia**, **Paul** was pressed in **the Spirit**, and testified to **the Jews** *that* **Jesus was Christ**.

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Act 18:6 And when **they** opposed themselves [resisted] and blasphemed, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them, **Your blood be upon your own heads**; I *am* clean: from henceforth I will go unto the **Gentiles**.

Act 18:7 And he departed thence, and entered into a certain *man's* house, named **Justus**,

- *one* that worshipped **God**,
- whose house joined hard to **the synagogue**.

Act 18:8 And **Crispus**, the chief ruler of **the synagogue**, believed on **the Lord** with all his house; and many of the **Corinthians** hearing believed, and were baptized.

Act 18:9 Then spake **the Lord** to **Paul** in the night by a vision,

Be not afraid,

but speak, and hold not thy peace:

Act 18:10 **For I am with thee,**

and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee:

for I have much people in this city.

Act 18:11 And he continued *there* **a year and six months**, teaching **the word of God** among them.

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Unbelieving Jews violently rise up against Paul and Sosthenes

Act 18:12 And **when Gallio was the deputy of Achaia**,

the Jews made insurrection with one accord against **Paul**, and brought him to the judgment seat,

Act 18:13 Saying, This *fellow* persuadeth men to worship **God** contrary to **the law**.

Act 18:14

And when **Paul** was now about to open *his* mouth, **Gallio** said unto **the Jews**,

"If it were a matter of wrong or of vicious crime, O Jews , it would be reasonable for me to put up with you; (NASV)	If it were a matter of wrong or wicked lewdness, O <i>ye</i> Jews , reason would that I should bear with you: (KJV)
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Act 18:15 But if it be a question of words and names, and *of* your law, look ye *to it*; for I will be no judge of such *matters*.

Act 18:16 And he drave [drove] them from the judgment seat.

Act 18:17 Then all the **Greeks** took **Sosthenes**, the chief ruler of **the synagogue**, and beat *him* before the judgment seat.

Note: 1Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,...

And **Gallio** cared for none of those things.

Act 18:18 And **Paul** *after this* tarried *there* yet a good while, and then took his leave of the **brethren**, and sailed thence into **Syria**, and with him **Priscilla** and **Aquila**;

Act 18:18b having shorn [sheared] *his* head in **Cenchrea**: for he had a vow. (note: before setting out to sea)

Act 18:19 And he came to **Ephesus**, and left them there:

but he himself entered into **the synagogue**, and reasoned with **the Jews**.

Act 18:20 When they desired *him* to tarry longer time with them, he consented not;

Act 18:21 but taking leave of them and saying, "I will return to you again if God wills," he set sail from Ephesus . (NASV)	Act 18:21 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem : but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he sailed from Ephesus. (KJV)
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Act 18:22a And when he had landed at **Caesarea**, and gone up, and saluted [greeted] the church,

Note: most likely **Caesarea Antiochia**.

The ancient city of **Caesarea** should not be confused with other cities in the ancient and Christian Roman World

by the same name.

The name of **Caesarea** signifies "the city of Caesar". As most Roman emperors adopted the title of Caesar after Gaius Julius Caesar, the name "**Caesarea**" came to be attributed to many different cities and locations in most provinces of the Roman Empire. Many of these cities bear different names at present (or might have had alternate names also in the Roman period itself).

Source: Orthodox Wiki

Act 18:22b he went down to **Antioch**.

Act 18:23a And after he had spent some time *there*, he departed,

Act 18:23b and went over *all* the country of **Galatia** and **Phrygia** in order, strengthening all **the disciples**.

Note: Much history and teaching occurred here that is not mentioned in Acts.

In general, what often appears as a single line "by-the-way" type mention is not insignificant at all. The author (or assembler of writings) either fails to mention the history assuming the reader already knows it or does not consider the history important enough for the point he is trying to make. The writers of the Gospels assumed the return of **Jesus Christ** to judge the world was imminent and thus did not think that future generations hundreds and two-thousand years since then would be reading their writings.

Priscilla and Aquilla teach Apollos about the Holy Spirit

Act 18:24 And a certain Jew named **Apollos**, born at **Alexandria**, an eloquent man, *and mighty in the scriptures*, came to **Ephesus**.

Act 18:25

This man

- was instructed in the way of **the Lord**;
- and being fervent in **the Spirit**,
- he spake and taught diligently the things of **the Lord**,
- knowing only the baptism of **John**.

Act 18:26 And he began to speak boldly in **the synagogue**:

whom when **Aquila** and **Priscilla** had heard, they took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of **God** more perfectly.

Act 18:27 And when he was disposed to pass into **Achaia**, the **brethren** wrote, exhorting **the disciples** to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had **believed through grace**:

Act 18:28 For *he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ*.

Act 19:1a And it came to pass, that, while **Apollos** was at **Corinth**,

Receiving the Holy Spirit, Speaking in Tongues and Prophesying

Act 19:1b **Paul** having passed through the upper coasts came to **Ephesus**: and finding certain disciples,

Act 19:2 He said unto them, **Have ye received the Holy Ghost [Spirit] since ye believed?**

And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any **Holy Ghost [Spirit]**.

Act 19:3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized?

And they said, Unto **John's** baptism.

Act 19:4 Then said **Paul**, **John** verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,

saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on **Christ Jesus**.

Act 19:5 When they heard *this*, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus**.

Act 19:6 And when Paul had laid *his hands upon them*, the Holy Ghost [Spirit] came on them; *and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

Act 19:7 And all the men were about twelve.

Act 19:8 And he went into **the synagogue**, *and spake boldly* for the space of three months, *disputing and persuading the things concerning **the kingdom of God.***

Act 19:9 But when divers [some] were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of **that way** before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated **the disciples**, disputing daily in **the school of one Tyrannus.**

Summary - All Asia, both Jews and Greeks, witness the Power of the Gospel

Act 19:10 And this continued by **the space of two years**; so that all they which dwelt in **Asia** heard **the word of the Lord Jesus**, both **Jews** and **Greeks**.

Act 19:11 *And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:*

Act 19:12 *So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.*

Exorcism Rites cannot cast out Demons

Act 19:13 Then certain of the vagabond **Jews, exorcists**, took upon them to call over them which had **evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus**, saying, We adjure you by **Jesus** whom **Paul** preacheth.

Act 19:14 And there were **seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests**, which did so.

Act 19:15 And the **evil spirit** answered and said, **Jesus** I know, and **Paul** I know; but who are ye?

Act 19:16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Act 19:17a And this was known to all **the Jews and Greeks** also dwelling at **Ephesus**; and fear fell on them all,

Note: The rites of exorcism, be it Jewish or Catholic, are nearly identical to the Witchcraft rites of exorcism.

Source: **John** Todd - ex Druid, ex 32nd degree freemason, ex Council of 13 upon giving his life to Jesus Christ.

How to escape from Witchcraft

Act 19:17b *and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.*

Act 19:18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed [confessed] their deeds {disclosing their practices}.

Act 19:19 Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all **men**: and they counted the price of them, and found *it* fifty thousand *pieces* of silver.

Act 19:20 *So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.*

Note: Those caught up in witchcraft (also the Illuminati and Freemasonry which are offshoots of Witchcraft) are sworn to a vow of secrecy. You are still considered a member of their group until you break the Oath of Silence. For those who do, they put a bounty on their heads and hire professional assassins. The only protection one has escaping spiritual attacks from witchcraft is to repent, rely on the blood of Jesus, and then break silence. All articles one possesses associated with Witchcraft must be destroyed/burned/thrown away (including Rock Music, Jesus Rock Music, Soul Music, some forms of Country music, from which witches draw a third of their power)

Note: Witchcraft is not merely Casting Spells; the aim is primarily Political and Financial control. It is demon worship.

Source: **John** Todd - ex Druid, ex 32nd degree freemason, ex Council of 13. **John** worked in both the rock music and television industry.

Paul's intended Itinerary

<p>Act 19:21 Now after these things were finished, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem after he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, saying, "After I have been there, I must also see Rome." (NASV)</p>	<p>Act 19:21 After these things were ended, Paul purposed in the Spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, I must also see Rome. (KJV)</p>
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Note: Paul had already been to/through Achaia. What remains is Asia, Macedonia, Jerusalem, then Rome.

Act 19:22 So he sent into **Macedonia** two of them that ministered unto him, **Timotheus [Timothy]** and **Erastus**; but he himself stayed in **Asia** for a season.

Paul's companions are seized and dragged to a town assembly for spoiling the business of a manufacturer of idols

Act 19:23 **And the same time** there arose no small stir about **that way**.

Act 19:24 For a certain *man* named **Demetrius**, a silversmith, which made silver shrines for **Diana [Artemis]**, brought no small gain unto the craftsmen;

Act 19:25

Whom he called together with the workmen of like occupation, and said,

Sirs, ye know that by this craft we have our wealth.

Act 19:26 Moreover ye see and hear, that not alone at **Ephesus**, but almost throughout all **Asia**, this **Paul** hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with hands:

Act 19:27 So that not only this our craft is in danger to be set at nought; but also that **the temple** of the great goddess **Diana** should be despised, and her magnificence should be destroyed, whom all **Asia** and the world worshippeth.

Act 19:28 And when they heard *these sayings*, they were full of wrath, and cried out, saying, Great *is Diana* of the **Ephesians**.

Note: The **Greek** goddess Artemis is also the **Roman** goddess Diana. *Artemis* was the *goddess* of chastity, virginity, the hunt, the moon, and the natural environment. She was the daughter of Zeus and Leto, twin sister of Apollo.

Source: Wikipedia

Act 19:29 And the whole city was filled with confusion: and having caught **Gaius and Aristarchus**, men of **Macedonia**, **Paul's companions in travel**, they rushed with one accord into the theatre.

Act 19:30 And when **Paul** would have entered in unto the people, **the disciples** suffered [permitted] him not.

Act 19:31 And certain of the chief of **Asia**, which were his friends, sent unto him, desiring *him* that he would not adventure himself into the theatre.

Act 19:32 Some therefore cried one thing, and some another:

for the assembly was confused;

and the more part [majority] knew not wherefore [for what cause] they were come together.

Act 19:33 And they **drew [dragged]** **Alexander** out of the multitude, **the Jews** putting him forward.

And **Alexander** beckoned with the hand, and would have made his defence unto the people.

Act 19:34 But when they knew [recognized] that he was a **Jew**, all with one voice **about the space of two hours** cried out,

Great *is Diana* of the **Ephesians**.

Act 19:35

And when the **townclerk** had appeased the people, he said,

*Ye men of **Ephesus**,*

what man is there that knoweth not how that **the city of the Ephesians** is a worshipper [temple servant] of the great goddess **Diana**,

*and of the **image which fell down from Jupiter?***

Act 19:36 Seeing then that these things cannot be spoken against, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rashly.

Act 19:37 For ye have brought hither these men,

which are neither robbers of churches, nor yet blasphemers of your goddess.

Act 19:38 Wherefore if **Demetrius, and the craftsmen which are with him**, have a matter against any man, the law [court] is open, and there are deputies: let them implead [bring charges against] one another.

Act 19:39 But if ye enquire any thing concerning other matters, it shall be determined in a lawful assembly.

Act 19:40 For we are in danger to be called in question for this day's uproar, there being no cause whereby we may give an account of this concourse.

Act 19:41 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

Short summaries of Paul's Journeys

Act 20:1 And after the uproar was ceased, **Paul** called unto *him* **the disciples**, and embraced *them*, and departed for to go into **Macedonia**.

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Act 20:2 And when he had gone over **those parts**, and had *given them much exhortation*, he came into **Greece**, Act 20:3a And *there* abode **three months**.

Act 20:3b And when **the Jews** laid wait for him, as he was about to sail into **Syria**, he purposed to return through **Macedonia**.

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Act 20:4

And there accompanied him into **Asia**

- **Sopater** of **Berea**;
- and of the **Thessalonians**, **Aristarchus** and **Secundus**;
- and **Gaius** of **Derbe**,
- and **Timotheus [Timothy]**;
- and of **Asia**, **Tychicus** and **Trophimus**.

Act 20:5 These going before tarried for us at **Troas**.

Act 20:6a And we sailed away from **Philippi** after **the days of unleavened bread**, (Note: Passover)

Act 20:6b and came unto them to **Troas** in five days; where we abode seven days.

In Troas, Paul's prolonged message puts Eutychus to sleep who falls and is then

resurrected

Act 20:7 And upon **the first day of the week**, when **the disciples** came together to break bread, **Paul** preached unto them, ready to depart on **the morrow [next day]**; and continued his speech **until midnight**.

Act 20:8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together.

Act 20:9 And there sat in a window a certain young man named **Eutychus**, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as **Paul** was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from **the third loft**, and was taken up dead.

Act 20:10 And **Paul** went down, and fell on him, and embracing *him* said, *Trouble not yourselves; for his life is in him.*

Act 20:11 When he therefore was come up again, and had broken bread, and eaten, and talked a long while, **even till break of day**, so he departed.

Act 20:12 *And they brought the young man alive, and were not a little [were greatly] comforted.*

Sailing to meet Paul Ephesus

Act 20:13 **And we went before to ship**, and sailed unto **Assos**, there intending to take in [on board] **Paul**: for so had he appointed, minding [intending] himself to go afoot [by walking].

Act 20:14

And when he met with us at **Assos**, we took him in [on board],

- and came to **Mitylene**. (note: island off the coast of Turkey)
- **Act 20:15** And we sailed thence, and came the next *day* over against **Chios**; (note: Kios - island off the coast of Turkey)

and the next *day* we arrived at Samos, and tarried at **Trogyllium**; (note: island off the coast of Turkey)

and the next *day* we came to **Miletus**.

Act 20:16 For **Paul** had determined to sail by **Ephesus**, because he would not spend the time in **Asia**: for he hasted [hurried], if it were possible for him, to be at **Jerusalem the day of Pentecost**.

Act 20:17 And from **Miletus**

- he sent to **Ephesus**, and called the **elders** of the church.

Paul's message to the Church Elders from Ephesus

Act 20:18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Faithful to preach while persecuted

Ye know, from the first day that I came into **Asia**, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons,

Act 20:19 Serving **the Lord** with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of **the Jews**:

Act 20:20 *And* how I kept back nothing that was profitable *unto you*, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

Act 20:21 Testifying both to **the Jews**, and also to the **Greeks**, **repentance toward God**, and **faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**.

A totally surrendered life even if it means persecution leading to death

Act 20:22 And now, behold, I go **bound in the Spirit** unto **Jerusalem**, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

Act 20:23 Save that **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]** witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide [await] me.

Act 20:24 **But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself**, so that I might finish my course with joy, and **the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus**, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God**.

Act 20:25 And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom **I have gone preaching the kingdom of God**, shall see my face no more.

Act 20:26 Wherefore I take you to record this day, that **I am pure from [innocent of] the blood of all men**.

Act 20:27 For **I have not shunned [ashamed] to declare unto you all the counsel of God**.

Stay alert, always

Act 20:28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]** hath made you overseers, to feed **the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.**

Act 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall **grievous wolves** enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

Act 20:30 **Also of your own selves** shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away **disciples** after them.

Act 20:31 Therefore watch, and remember, that **by the space of three years** I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.

No fund raising by asking for donations allowed or required for those whose ministries are effective in God's eyes

Act 20:32

And now, **brethren**, I commend you

- to **God**,
- and to **the word of his grace**,
 - **which is able to build you up,**
 - **and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

Act 20:33 I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.

Act 20:34 Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me.

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring

- ye ought to support the weak,
- and to remember the words of **the Lord Jesus**, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Note: **Paul** raised funds for his ministry by making tents. His ministry was so effective that people wanted to invest in his ministry.

1 Corinthians 2:4 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of **the Spirit** and of power:

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of **God**.

Sweet Sorrow

Act 20:36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all.

Act 20:37 And they all wept sore, and fell on **Paul's** neck, and kissed him,

Act 20:38 Sorrowing most of all for the words which he spake, that they should see his face no more. And they accompanied him unto the ship.

More Short summaries of Paul's Journeys

The disciples beg Paul not to go to Jerusalem

Act 21:1 And it came to pass, that after we were gotten [parted] from them, and had launched,

- we came with a straight course unto **Coos**, (note: island off the coast of Turkey)
- and the *day* following unto **Rhodes**, (note: island off the coast of Turkey)
- and from thence unto **Patara**: (note: city on the southern the coast of Turkey)
- **Act 21:2** And finding a ship sailing over unto **Phenicia**, we went aboard, and set forth.
- **Act 21:3** Now when we had discovered **Cyprus**, we left it on the left hand,
- and sailed into **Syria**,
- and landed at **Tyre**: for there the ship was to unlade her burden.

Act 21:4 And finding **disciples**, we tarried there seven days: who said to **Paul through the Spirit**, that he should not go up to **Jerusalem**.

Act 21:5 And when we had accomplished those days, we departed and went our way; and they all brought us on our way, with wives and children, till *we were* out of the city: and we kneeled down on the shore, and prayed.

Act 21:6 And when we had taken our leave one of another, we took ship; and they returned home again.

Act 21:7 And when we had finished *our* course from Tyre,

we came to Ptolemais, and saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day.

(Note: a coastal town of Phoenicia. Phoenicia is also known as Lebanon.)

Agabus prophesies Paul will be bound in Jerusalem and handed over to the Gentiles

Act 21:8 And the next *day* we that were of Paul's company departed, and came unto Caesarea:

Caesarea had its origin in the Greek city of antiquity called Pyrgos Stratonos. King Herod the Great changed the name to Caesarea in honor of the Roman emperor Augustus. On the site of Pyrgos Stratonos Herod constructed a majestic city of temples, palaces, a theater, amphitheater, and a major port often referred to as Caesarea Maritima (Greek: παράλιος Καισάρεια). The city became the capital of Judaea in the year 6 AD and the residence of the Roman procurators. The Roman emperors Vespasian and Titus made it a Roman colony, called Colonia Prima Flavia Augusta Caesarea. In 133, its name became Caesarea Palæstina.

Source: Orthodox Wiki

and we entered into the house of Philip the evangelist, which was *one* of the seven; and abode with him.

Act 21:9 And the same man had four daughters, virgins, which did prophesy.

Act 21:10 And as we tarried *there* many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus.

Act 21:11 And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said,

Thus saith the Holy Ghost [Spirit],

So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.

Act 21:12 And when we heard these things, both we, and they of that place, besought him not to go up to Jerusalem.

Act 21:13 Then Paul answered,

What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart?

for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

Act 21:14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

Act 21:15 And after those days we took up our carriages, and went up to Jerusalem.

Act 21:16 There went with us also *certain* of the disciples of Caesarea, and brought with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we should lodge.

Arrival in Jerusalem

Act 21:17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly.

Act 21:18 And the *day* following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present.

Act 21:19 And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry.

Paul's concessions to Jews who believe in "Christ plus The Law"

Act 21:20 And when they heard *it*, they glorified the Lord, and said unto him,

Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law:

Act 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise *their* children, neither to walk after the customs.

Act 21:22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come.

Act 21:23 Do therefore this that we say to thee:

We have four men which have a vow on them;

Act 21:24 Them take, and purify thyself with them,
and be at charges with them, [pay their expenses] that they may shave *their* heads:
and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing;
but *that* thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest **the law**.

Act 21:25 As touching [concerning] the **Gentiles which believe**, we have written *and* concluded that they observe no such thing, save only that they keep themselves from

- *things* offered to idols,
- and from blood, (Note: eating meat containing blood or drinking blood)
- and from strangled, (Note: an animal that is choked to death)
- and from fornication. (Note: all forms of sexual play outside marriage between man and woman)

Act 21:26 Then **Paul** took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them entered into **the temple**, to signify the accomplishment of the days of purification, until that an offering should be offered for every one of them.

The Jews from Asia seize Paul, beat him, and drag him out of the temple

Act 21:27 **And when the seven days were almost ended,**
the Jews which were of **Asia**, when they saw him in **the temple**,
stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him,

Act 21:28 Crying out,

Men of Israel, help:

This is the man, that teacheth all *men* every where against the people, and **the law**, and this place:
and further brought **Greeks** also into **the temple**, and hath polluted this holy place.

Act 21:29 (For they had seen before with him in the city **Trophimus** an **Ephesian**,
whom they supposed that **Paul** had brought into **the temple**.) (See Acts 20:4)

Act 21:30 And all the city was moved [aroused],
and the people ran together: **and they took Paul**, and **drew** [dragged] him out of **the temple**:
and forthwith [immediately] the doors were shut.

Roman soldiers bind Paul and bring him to the barracks

Act 21:31 And as **they went about to kill him**,
tidings came unto **the chief captain of the band [Roman cohort]**, that all **Jerusalem** was in an uproar.

Act 21:32 Who immediately took **soldiers and centurions**, and ran down unto them:
and when they saw **the chief captain and the soldiers**, they left **beating** of **Paul**.

Act 21:33 Then **the chief captain** came near, and took him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains;
and demanded who he was, and what he had done.

Act 21:34 **And some cried one thing, some another, among the multitude:**

and when he could not know the certainty for [the facts on account of] **the tumult**, he commanded him to be carried into the castle [barracks].

Act 21:35 And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of [carried by] **the soldiers** for [because of] the violence of the people.

Act 21:36 For **the multitude of the people followed after, crying, Away with him.**

Paul gains permission to address the Jews

Act 21:37 And as **Paul** was to be led into the castle [barracks], he said unto **the chief captain**, May I speak unto thee?

Who said,

Canst thou speak **Greek**?

Act 21:38 Art not thou that **Egyptian**, which before these days madest an uproar, and leddest out into the wilderness four thousand men that were murderers?

Act 21:39 But **Paul** said, I am a man *which am* a **Jew** of **Tarsus**, a city in **Cilicia**, a citizen of no mean [insignificant] city: and, I beseech thee, suffer [permit] me to speak unto the people.

Act 21:40 And when he had given him licence, **Paul** stood on the stairs, and beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto *them* in the Hebrew tongue, saying,

Paul's Testimony of meeting Jesus

Act 22:1 Men, **brethren**, and fathers, hear ye my defence *which I make* now unto you.

Act 22:2 (And when they heard that he spake in the **Hebrew** tongue to them, they kept the more silence: and he saith,)

Act 22:3 I am verily a man *which am* a **Jew**, born in **Tarsus**, a city in **Cilicia**, yet brought up in **this city**

at the feet of [educated under] Gamaliel,

*and taught according to the perfect manner of **the law** of the fathers,*

and was zealous toward **God**, as ye all are this day.

Act 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Act 22:5 As also **the high priest** doth bear me witness, and **all the estate of the elders**: from whom also I received letters unto the **brethren**, and went to **Damascus**, to bring them which were there bound unto **Jerusalem**, for to be punished.

Act 22:6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto **Damascus** about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

Act 22:7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?**

Act 22:8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord?

And he said unto me, **I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou persecutest.**

Act 22:9 And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.

Act 22:10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord?

And **the Lord** said unto me, **Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.**

Act 22:11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into **Damascus**.

Act 22:12 And one **Ananias**,

- a devout man according to **the law**,
- having a good report of [by] all **the Jews** which dwelt *there*,

Act 22:13 Came unto me, and stood, and said unto me, Brother **Saul**, receive thy sight.

And **the same hour** I looked up upon him.

Act 22:14 And he said, The **God** of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth.

Act 22:15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

Act 22:16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.**

Act 22:17 And it came to pass, that, when I was come again to **Jerusalem**, even while I prayed in **the temple**, I was in a trance;

Act 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, **Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: for they will not receive thy testimony concerning me.**

Act 22:19 And I said, Lord, they know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue them that believed on thee:

Act 22:20 And when the blood of thy martyr Stephen was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting unto his death, and kept the raiment of them that slew him.

Act 22:21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee far hence [away] unto the Gentiles.

Roman citizens protected from scourging

Act 22:22 And they gave him audience unto this word,

and then lifted up their voices, and said,

Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live.

Act 22:23 And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,

Act 22:24 The chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, and bade that he should be examined by scourging; that he might know wherefore they cried so against him.

Act 22:25 And as they bound [stretched] him with thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned?

Act 22:26 When the centurion heard that, he went and told the chief captain, saying, Take heed what thou doest: for this man is a Roman.

Act 22:27 Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman?

He said, Yea.

Act 22:28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom.

And Paul said,

But I was free born.

Act 22:29 Then straightway they departed from him which should have examined him: and the chief captain also was afraid, after he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

Paul lashes out at the high priest after being struck then recants

Act 22:30 On the morrow [next day], because he would have known the certainty wherefore [why] he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him from his bands, and commanded the chief priests and all their council to appear, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

Act 23:1 And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.

Act 23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth.

Act 23:3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law?

Act 23:4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest?

Act 23:5 Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people. (Exo 22:28)

Paul stirs up contention between the Pharisees against the Sadducees

Act 23:6 But when **Paul** perceived that the one part were **Sadducees**, and the other **Pharisees**, he cried out in **the council**,

Men *and brethren*, I am a **Pharisee**, the son of a **Pharisee**:
of **the hope and resurrection of the dead** I am called in question.

Act 23:7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the **Pharisees** and the **Sadducees**: and the multitude was divided.

- Act 23:8 For the **Sadducees** say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit:
- but the **Pharisees** confess both.

Act 23:9 And there arose a great cry:

and **the scribes that were of the Pharisees' part** arose, and strove, saying,

We find no evil in this man:

but if a spirit or an angel hath spoken to him, let us not fight against **God**.

Act 23:10 And when there arose a great dissension, **the chief captain**, fearing lest **Paul** should have been pulled in pieces of them [torn to pieces], commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring *him* into **the castle [barracks]**.

Unsuccessful Conspiracy to kill Paul

Act 23:11 And **the night following the Lord** stood by him, and said,

Be of good cheer, Paul:
for as thou hast testified of me in **Jerusalem**,
so must thou bear witness also at **Rome**.

Act 23:12 And **when it was day**, certain of **the Jews** banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed **Paul**.

Act 23:13 And they were more than forty which had made this conspiracy.

Act 23:14 And they came to **the chief priests and elders**, and said,

We have bound ourselves under a great curse, that we will eat nothing until we have slain **Paul**.

Act 23:15 Now therefore ye with **the council** signify to **the chief captain**

that he bring him down unto you to morrow, as though ye would enquire something more perfectly concerning him:

and we, or ever he come near, are ready to kill him.

Act 23:16 And when **Paul's sister's son** heard of their lying in wait, he went and entered into the castle, and told **Paul**.

Act 23:17 Then **Paul** called **one of the centurions** unto *him*, and said,

Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for he hath a certain thing to tell him.

Act 23:18 So he took him, and brought *him* to **the chief captain**, and said,

Paul the prisoner called me unto *him*, and prayed me to bring this young man unto thee, who hath something to say unto thee.

Act 23:19 Then **the chief captain** took him by the hand, and went *with him* aside privately, and asked *him*,
What is that thou hast to tell me?

Act 23:20

And he said,

The Jews have agreed to desire thee that thou wouldest bring down **Paul** to morrow into **the council**, as though they would enquire somewhat of him more perfectly.

Act 23:21 But do not thou yield unto them:

for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men,

which have bound themselves with an oath, that they will neither eat nor drink till they have killed him:

and now are they ready, looking for a promise from thee.

Act 23:22 So the chief captain *then* let the young man depart, and charged *him*,

See thou tell no man that thou hast shewed these things to me.

Claudius has Paul escorted by Roman Soldiers to Felix the Governor in Caesarea

Act 23:23 And he called unto *him* two centurions, saying,
Make ready

- **two hundred** soldiers
- to go to **Caesarea**,
- and horsemen **threescore and ten**,
 - and spearmen **two hundred**,
- at **the third hour of the night**;

Act 23:24 And provide *them* beasts,

- that they may set **Paul** on,
- and bring *him* safe unto **Felix** the governor.

Act 23:25

And he wrote a letter after this manner:

Act 23:26 **Claudius Lysias** unto the most excellent governor **Felix** *sendeth* greeting.

Act 23:27 This man was taken of **the Jews**, and should [would] have been killed of them:
then came I with an army, and rescued him, having understood that he was a **Roman**.

Act 23:28 And when I would have known [when I found] the cause wherefore they accused him,
I brought him forth into **their council**:

Act 23:29 Whom I perceived to be **accused of questions of their law**,
but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds.

Act 23:30 And when it was told me how that **the Jews** laid wait for the man,
I sent straightway to thee,
and gave commandment to his accusers also to say before thee what *they had* against him.
Farewell.

Act 23:31 Then **the soldiers**, as it was commanded them, took **Paul**, and brought *him* by night to **Antipatris**.

Act 23:32 **On the morrow** [next day] they left the horsemen to go with him, and returned to the castle [barracks]:

Act 23:33 Who, when they came to **Caesarea**, and delivered the epistle [letter] to **the governor**,
presented **Paul** also before him.

Act 23:34 And when the governor had read *the letter*, he asked of what province he was.

And when he understood that *he was* of **Cilicia**;

Act 23:35 I will hear thee, said he, when thine accusers are also come.

And he commanded him to be kept in **Herod**'s judgment hall.

Paul brought before Felix the Governor of Caesarea, and Ananias the high priest

Act 24:1 And **after five days Ananias the high priest** descended with

- **the elders**,
- and *with a certain orator* [lawyer] *named Tertullus*,

who informed the governor against **Paul**.

Act 24:2 And when he was called forth, **Tertullus** began to accuse *him*, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy great quietness,

and that very worthy deeds are done unto this nation by thy providence,

Act 24:3 We accept *it* always, and in all places, most noble **Felix**, with all thankfulness.

Act 24:4 Notwithstanding, that I be not further tedious unto thee,
I pray thee that thou wouldest hear us of thy clemency a few words.

Act 24:5 For we have found this man *a pestilent fellow*,
and a mover of sedition among all **the Jews** throughout the world,
and a ringleader of **the sect of the Nazarenes**:

Act 24:6 Who also hath gone about to profane **the temple**:

whom we took,
and would have judged according to our law.

Act 24:7 But **the chief captain Lysias** came *upon us*,
and with great violence took *him* away out of our hands,

Act 24:8 Commanding his accusers to come unto thee:
by examining
of whom thyself mayest take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse him.

Act 24:9 And **the Jews** also assented, saying that these things were so.

Paul's defense before Felix

Act 24:10

Then **Paul**, after that **the governor** had beckoned unto him to speak, answered,

Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation,
I do the more cheerfully answer for myself:

Act 24:11 Because that thou mayest understand,
that there are yet but **twelve days** since I went up to **Jerusalem** for to worship.

Act 24:12 And they

- neither found me in **the temple** disputing with any man,
- neither raising up the people,

neither in **the synagogues**, nor in the city:

Act 24:13 Neither can they prove **the things whereof they now accuse me**.

Act 24:14 But this I confess unto thee,
that after **the way** which they call heresy,

so worship I the **God** of my fathers,

believing all things which are written in **the law** and in **the prophets**:

Act 24:15 And have hope toward **God**, which they themselves also allow,
that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.

Act 24:16 And herein do I exercise myself, to have always
a conscience void of offence toward **God**, and *toward men*.

Act 24:17 Now after many years I came to bring alms to my nation, and **offerings**.

Act 24:18 Whereupon certain **Jews** from **Asia** found me purified in **the temple**,

- neither with multitude,
- nor with tumult.

Act 24:19 Who ought to have been here before thee, and object, if they had ought against me.

Act 24:20 Or else let **these same here** say, if they have found any evil doing in me, while I stood before **the council**,

Act 24:21 Except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them,
Touching [concerning] the resurrection of the dead I am called in question by you this day.

Felix, playing politics with the Jews, has Paul imprisoned

Act 24:22 And when **Felix** heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of **that way**,
he deferred them, and said,

When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter.

Act 24:23 And he commanded a **centurion** to keep **Paul**,
and to let *him* have liberty,
and that he should forbid none of his acquaintance to minister or come unto him.

Act 24:24 And **after certain days**, when **Felix** came with his wife **Drusilla, which was a Jewess**, he sent for **Paul**, and heard him concerning **the faith in Christ**.

Act 24:25 And as he reasoned of

- righteousness,
- temperance,
- and judgment to come,

Felix trembled, and answered,

Go thy way for this time; when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee.

Act 24:26 He hoped also that money should have been given him of **Paul**, that he might loose him: wherefore he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him.

Act 24:27 But after two years

Porcius Festus came into **Felix**' room [**Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus**]; and **Felix**, willing to shew **the Jews** a pleasure [favor], left **Paul** bound [imprisoned].

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The Jewish leaders bring false charges against Paul in front of Festus, now Governor of Caesarea, in order to kill Paul in Jerusalem

Act 25:1 Now when **Festus** was come into the province, after three days he ascended from **Caesarea** to **Jerusalem**.

Act 25:2 Then **the high priest** and **the chief of the Jews** informed him against **Paul**, and besought him,

Act 25:3 And desired favour against him, that he would send for him to **Jerusalem**,

laying wait in the way to kill him.

Act 25:4 But **Festus** answered, that **Paul** should be kept at **Caesarea**, and that he himself would depart shortly thither.

Act 25:5 Let them therefore, said he, which among you are able, go down with *me*, and accuse this man, if there be any wickedness in him.

Act 25:6 And after he had spent not more than eight or ten days among them, (NASV)

Act 25:6 And when he had tarried among them more than ten days, (KJV)

he went down unto **Caesarea**;

and **the next day** sitting on the judgment seat commanded **Paul** to be brought.

Note: The KJV and NASV are translations from different source texts judging from the referenced concordances.

Act 25:7 And when he was come, **the Jews** which came down from **Jerusalem** stood round about, and laid many and grievous complaints against **Paul**, which they could not prove.

Act 25:8 While he answered for himself,

Neither against the law of the Jews,

neither against the temple,

nor yet against Caesar,

have I offended any thing at all.

Festus plays politics, Paul appeals to have his case taken to Caesar

Act 25:9 But **Festus**, willing to do **the Jews** a pleasure, answered **Paul**, and said,

Wilt thou go up to **Jerusalem**, and there be judged of these things before me?

Act 25:10 Then said **Paul**,

I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged:

to **the Jews** have I done no wrong, as thou very well knowest.

Act 25:11 For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die:

but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them.

I appeal unto Caesar.

Act 25:12 Then **Festus**, when he had conferred with **the council**, answered,

Hast thou appealed unto Caesar? unto Caesar shalt thou go.

Festus informs King Agrippa about the Jews accusations against Paul

Act 25:13 And after certain days **king Agrippa** and **Bernice** came unto **Caesarea** to salute **Festus**.

(Note: **Herod Agrippa** who had an incestuous relationship with his daughter **Berenice**)

Act 25:14

And when they had been there many days, **Festus** declared **Paul**'s cause unto the king, saying,

There is a certain man left in bonds by **Felix**:

Act 25:15 About whom, when I was at **Jerusalem**, **the chief priests** and the **elders** of **the Jews** informed me,

desiring to have judgment against him.

Act 25:16 To whom I answered,

It is not the manner of the Romans to deliver any man to die,

before that he which is accused have the accusers face to face,

and have licence to answer for himself concerning the crime laid against him.

Act 25:17 Therefore, when they were come hither, without any delay on the morrow, I sat on the judgment seat, and commanded the man to be brought forth.

Act 25:18 Against whom when the accusers stood up, they brought none accusation of such things as I supposed:

Act 25:19 But had certain questions against

- him of their own superstition,
- and of one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive.

Act 25:20 And because I doubted of such manner of questions, I asked *him* whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these matters.

Act 25:21 But when Paul had appealed to be reserved unto the hearing of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept till I might send him to Caesar.

Act 25:22 Then Agrippa said unto Festus, I would also hear the man myself. To morrow, said he, thou shalt hear him.

Paul's defense before King Agrippa

Act 25:23 And on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and was entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and principal men of the city, at Festus' commandment Paul was brought forth.

Act 25:24 And Festus said,

King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye see this man,

about whom all the multitude of the Jews have dealt with me, both at Jerusalem, and also here, crying that he ought not to live any longer.

Act 25:25 But when I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death, and that he himself hath appealed to Augustus, I have determined to send him.

Act 25:26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord.

Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, O King Agrippa, that, after examination had, I might have somewhat to write.

Act 25:27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable to send a prisoner, and not withal [also] to signify the crimes laid against him.

Act 26:1 Then Agrippa said unto Paul,

Thou art permitted to speak for thyself.

Then Paul stretched forth the hand, and answered for himself:

Act 26:2 I think myself happy, King Agrippa, because I shall answer for myself this day before thee touching [concerning] all the things whereof I am accused of the Jews:

Act 26:3 Especially because I know thee to be expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews:

wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently.

Act 26:4 My manner of life from my youth,

which was at the first among mine own nation at Jerusalem, know all the Jews;

Act 26:5 Which knew me from the beginning,

if they would testify, that after the most straitest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee.

Act 26:6

And now I stand and am judged for

the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers:

Act 26:7 Unto which promise our twelve tribes,

instantly [earnestly] serving God day and night, hope to come.

For which hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

Act 26:8 Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead?

Act 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to **the name of Jesus of Nazareth**.

Act 26:10 Which thing I also did in **Jerusalem**:
and **many of the saints** did I shut up in prison, having received authority from **the chief priests**;
and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against *them*.

Act 26:11 And I punished them oft in **every synagogue**,
and compelled *them* to blaspheme;
and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted *them* even unto strange [foreign] cities.

Act 26:12 Whereupon as I went to **Damascus** with authority and commission from **the chief priests**,

Act 26:13 **At midday**, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun,
shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

Act 26:14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, **Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks** (Note: sharp pointed objects).

Act 26:15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord?

And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Act 26:16 **But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;**

Act 26:17 **Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,**

- Act 26:18 **To open their eyes,**
- **and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God,**
- **that they may receive forgiveness of sins,**
- **and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.**

Act 26:19 Whereupon, O **King Agrippa**, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision:

Act 26:20 But shewed

- first unto them of **Damascus**,
- and at **Jerusalem**,
- and throughout all the coasts [territory] of **Judaea**,
- and *then* to the **Gentiles**,

that they should **repent and turn to God, and do works meet [appropriate] for repentance.**

Act 26:21 For these causes **the Jews** caught me in **the temple**, and went about to kill *me*.

Act 26:22 Having therefore obtained help of **God**, I continue unto this day,
witnessing both to small and great,

saying none other things than those which **the prophets** and **Moses** did say should come:

- Act 26:23 **That Christ** should suffer,
- *and* that he should be the first that should rise from the dead,
- and should shew light unto the people, and to the **Gentiles**.

Act 26:24 And as he thus spake for himself, **Festus** said with a loud voice,
Paul, thou art beside thyself; much learning doth make thee mad.

Act 26:25 But he said,

I am not mad, most noble **Festus**; but speak forth the words of truth and soberness.

Act 26:26 For the king knoweth of these things, before whom also I speak freely:
for I am persuaded that none of these things are hidden from him;
for this thing was not done in a corner.

Act 26:27 **King Agrippa**, believest thou **the prophets**? I know that thou believest.

Act 26:28 Then **Agrippa** said unto **Paul**,

Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.

Act 26:29 And **Paul** said,
I would to **God**, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day,
were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

The local Roman Council finds Paul innocent of all charges

Act 26:30 And when he had thus spoken, **the king** rose up, and **the governor**, and **Bernice**, and they that sat with them:

Act 26:31 And when they were gone aside, they talked between themselves, saying,
This man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds.

Act 26:32 Then said **Agrippa** unto **Festus**,
This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto **Caesar**.

Contrary winds cause slow sailing to Italy

Act 27:1 And when it was determined that we should sail into Italy,
they delivered **Paul** and certain other prisoners unto *one* named **Julius, a centurion of Augustus' band [cohort]**.

Act 27:2 And entering into a ship of Adramyttium, we launched, meaning to sail by **the coasts of Asia**; *one* **Aristarchus**, a **Macedonian** of **Thessalonica**, being with us.

Act 27:3 And the next *day* we touched at **Sidon**. And **Julius** courteously entreated **Paul**,
and gave *him* liberty to go unto his friends to refresh himself.

Act 27:4 And when we had launched from thence, we sailed under **Cyprus**, because the winds were contrary.

Act 27:5 And when we had sailed over the sea of **Cilicia** and **Pamphylia**, we came to **Myra, a city of Lycia**.

Act 27:6 And there **the centurion** found a ship of Alexandria sailing into **Italy**; and he put us therein.

Act 27:7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and scarce were come over against **Cnidus**, the wind not suffering us, we sailed under **Crete, over against Salmone**;

Act 27:8 And, hardly passing it, came unto a place which is called **The fair havens**; nigh whereunto was the city of **Lasea**.

Violent Winter Winds

Act 27:9 Now when much time was spent, and when sailing was now dangerous, because the fast was now already past, **Paul** admonished *them*,

Act 27:10 And said unto them,
Sirs, I perceive that this voyage will be with hurt and much damage, not only of the lading and ship, but also of our lives.

Act 27:11 Nevertheless **the centurion** believed the master and the owner of the ship, more than those things which were spoken by **Paul**.

Act 27:12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to depart thence also, if by any means they might attain to **Phenice [Phoenix]**, and *there* to winter; *which is* an haven of **Crete**, and lieth toward the south west and north west.

Act 27:13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained *their* purpose, loosing *thence*, they sailed close by **Crete**.

Act 27:14 **But not long after** there arose against it a tempestuous (**Note: cyclonic**) wind, called Euroclydon.

Act 27:15 And when the ship was caught, and could not bear up into the wind, we let *her* drive.

Act 27:16 And running under a **certain island which is called Clauda**, we had much work to come by the boat:

Act 27:17 Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands,

they let down the sea anchor, and so let themselves be driven along. (NASV)	strake sail [let down], and so were driven. (KJV)
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Attempts to save the ship

Act 27:18 And we being exceedingly tossed with a tempest, **the next day** they lightened the ship;

Act 27:19 And **the third day** we cast out with our own hands the tackling of the ship.

Act 27:20 And when neither sun nor stars **in many days** appeared, and no small tempest lay on *us*, all hope that we should be saved was then taken away.

Act 27:21 But after long abstinence **Paul** stood forth in the midst of them, and said,

Sirs, ye should have hearkened unto me, and not have loosed from **Crete**, and to have gained this harm and loss.

Paul upon a visit from an Angel advises the crew to run the ship aground on an Island

Act 27:22 And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of *any man's* life among you, but of the ship.

Act 27:23 For there stood by me this night **the angel of God**, whose I am, and whom I serve,

Act 27:24 Saying, **Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee.**

Act 27:25 Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe **God**, that it shall be even as it was told me.

Act 27:26 Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

Act 27:27 **But when the fourteenth night was come**, as we were driven up and down in **Adria**, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew [dragged] near to some country;

Act 27:28 And sounded, and found *it* twenty fathoms:

and when they had gone a little further, they sounded again, and found *it* fifteen fathoms.

(Note: 1 fathom = 6 feet or 1.8 meters)

Act 27:29 Then fearing lest we should have fallen upon rocks, they cast four anchors out of the stern, and wished for the day.

Act 27:30 And as the shipmen were about to flee out of the ship, when they had let down the boat into the sea, under colour [pretense] as though they would have cast anchors out of the foreship,

Act 27:31 **Paul** said to **the centurion** and to **the soldiers**, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved.

Act 27:32 Then **the soldiers** cut off the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off.

Paul encourages the crew to eat

Act 27:33 **And while the day was coming on**, **Paul** besought *them* all to take meat, saying,

This day is the fourteenth day that ye have tarried and continued fasting, having taken nothing.

Act 27:34 Wherefore I pray you to take *some* meat [food]: for this is for your health:

for there shall not an hair fall from the head of any of you.

Act 27:35 And when he had thus spoken, he took bread, and gave thanks to **God** in presence of them all: and when he had broken *it*, he began to eat.

Act 27:36 Then were they all of good cheer, and they also took *some* meat [food].

Act 27:37 And we were in all in the ship **two hundred threescore and sixteen souls**.

Act 27:38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, and cast out the wheat into the sea.

Act 27:39 And when it was day, they knew [recognized] not the land:

but they discovered a certain creek [bay] with a shore, into the which they were minded, if it were possible, to thrust in the ship.

Act 27:40 And when they had taken up the anchors,

they committed *themselves* unto the sea,

and loosed the rudder bands,

and hoised up the mainsail to the wind,

and made toward shore.

The ship strikes a reef and is run aground on the Island of Malta - all the crew are safe

Act 27:41 And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground; and the forepart stuck fast, and remained unmoveable, but the hinder part was broken with the violence of the waves.

Act 27:42 And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape.

Act 27:43 But **the centurion**, willing to save **Paul**, kept them from *their* purpose;

and commanded that they which could swim should cast *themselves* first *into the sea*, and get to land:

Act 27:44 And the rest, some on boards, and some on *broken pieces* of the ship.

And so it came to pass, that they escaped all safe to land.

Act 28:1 And when they were escaped, then they knew that the island was called Melita [**Malta**].

Act 28:2 And the barbarous [native] people shewed us no little kindness:

for they kindled a fire, and received us every one, because of the present rain, and because of the cold.

Natives of Malta mistake Paul for a god

Act 28:3 And when **Paul** had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid *them* on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand.

Act 28:4 And when the barbarians [natives] saw the *venomous* beast hang on his hand, they said among themselves, No doubt this man is a murderer,

whom, though he hath escaped the sea, yet vengeance suffereth not to live.

Act 28:5 *And he shook off the beast into the fire, and felt no harm.*

Act 28:6 Howbeit they looked when he should have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly:

but after they had looked a great while, and saw no harm come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Malta's Hospitality - **Paul** heals many on the Island

Act 28:7 In the same quarters were possessions of the chief man of the island, whose name was **Publius**; who received us, and lodged us three days courteously.

Act 28:8 And it came to pass, that **the father of Publius** lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom **Paul** entered in, *and prayed, and laid his hands on him, and healed him.*

Act 28:9 So when this was done, *others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed:*

Act 28:10 Who also honoured us with many honours;

and when we departed, they laded *us* with such things as were necessary.

Sailing on to Rome

Act 28:11 *And after three months* we departed in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the isle, whose sign was Castor and Pollux.

Act 28:12 And landing at **Syracuse**, we tarried *there* three days.

Act 28:13a And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to **Rhegium**: and after one day the south wind blew,

Paul stays seven days with brethren in Puteoli

Act 28:13b and we came the next day to **Puteoli**:

Act 28:14 Where we found **brethren**, and were desired to tarry with them **seven days**: and so we went toward **Rome**.

Act 28:15 And from thence, when **the brethren** heard of us, they came to meet us as far as **Appii forum**, and **The three taverns**: whom when **Paul** saw, he thanked **God**, and took courage.

The Jews in Rome give Paul a fair hearing

Act 28:16 And when **we** entered **Rome**, **Paul** was allowed to stay by himself, with the **soldier** who was guarding him. (NASV)

Act 28:16 And when we came to **Rome**, **the centurion** delivered the prisoners to **the captain of the guard**: but **Paul** was suffered [permitted] to dwell by himself with a soldier that kept him. {KJV}

Act 28:17 **And it came to pass, that after three days Paul** called the chief of **the Jews** together: and when they were come together, he said unto them,

Men *and brethren*,

though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from **Jerusalem** into the hands of the **Romans**.

Act 28:18 Who, when they had examined me, would have let *me* go, because there was no cause of death in me.

Act 28:19 But when **the Jews** spake against *it*, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had ought to accuse my nation of.

Act 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see *you*, and to speak with *you*: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

Act 28:21 And they said unto him,

We

- neither received letters out of **Judaea** concerning thee,
- neither any of **the brethren** that came shewed or spake any harm of thee.

Act 28:22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest:

for as concerning **this sect**, we know that every where it is spoken against.

Act 28:23 And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into *his* lodging; to whom he expounded and testified **the kingdom of God**, persuading them concerning **Jesus**, both out of **the law** of **Moses**, and *out of the prophets*, from morning till evening.

Some Jews believe, Others refuse to believe

Act 28:24 And **some believed the things which were spoken**, and **some believed not**.

Act 28:25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that **Paul** had spoken one word,

Well spake **the Holy Ghost [Spirit]** by Esaias [Isaiah] [Isaiah] the prophet unto our fathers,

Act 28:26 Saying, **Go unto this people, and say**, Hearing ye shall hear, **and shall not understand**; and seeing ye shall see, **and not perceive**:

Act 28:27 For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; **lest they should**

- see with *their eyes*,
- and hear with *their ears*,

Isa 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, **but understand not**; and see ye indeed, **but perceive not**.

Isa 6:10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; **lest they**

- see with *their eyes*,
- and hear with *their ears*,

- and understand with *their* heart,
- and should be converted, and I should heal them.

- and understand with their heart,
- and convert, and be healed.

Act 28:28 Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the **Gentiles**, and *that* they will hear it.

Act 28:29 And when he had said these words, **the Jews** departed, and had great reasoning among themselves.

Paul gets a warm welcome and preaches the Gospel in Rome unhindered

Act 28:30 And **Paul** dwelt **two whole years** in his own hired [rented] house, and received all that came in unto him,

Act 28:31 **Preaching the kingdom of God**, and teaching those things which concern **the Lord Jesus Christ**, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

APPEND IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER

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