

LESSON I

Acts 1–2

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Day 1

1. What do you hope to gain from this study of the Acts of the Apostles?
2. a) How does the opening of Acts reveal its relationship to the Gospel we know as Luke (Acts 1:1-2)? (See Luke 1:1-4.)
b) What is Luke's purpose in writing a sequel to his Gospel (1:1-2)?
3. The apostles ask Jesus about restoring the kingdom to Israel. How does his response prepare the reader for the major events of the book of Acts? (1:6-8)

Day 2

4. What categories does Luke use to identify the three different groups of people gathered in the upper room (1:13-14)?
5. Compare Luke's account of Judas Iscariot's death in Acts (1:16-19) with Matthew's. (See Matt 27:3-10.) In what do they agree or disagree?
6. a) What were the requirements for the replacement for Judas (1:21-22)? (See 3:15; 10:37-43.)
b) Why was it important to replace Judas (1:15-26)? (See Luke 22:29-30.)

Day 3

7. a) How was the coming of the Holy Spirit identified (2:2-4)?
b) How does the Christian Pentecost reverse the punishment at the Tower of Babel? (See Gen 11:1-9; Eph 4:3-13.)
8. What does it mean to be “filled with the Holy Spirit” (2:4)? (See 1:5; 2:38; Luke 3:16; Rom 5:5; Eph 1:13.)
9. What do we know about the content of the message being proclaimed by those who were speaking in tongues (2:11)?

Day 4

10. How does the speaking in tongues described here (2:4-13) differ from the “tongues” Paul writes about? (See 1 Cor 14:1-11.)
11. How does Peter explain the group’s strange behavior (2:15-21)? (See Joel 3:1-5.)
12. What are the essential details about Jesus that Peter chooses to proclaim to “you who are Israelites” (2:22-36)?

Day 5

13. a) What message about Jesus does Peter find in Psalm 16:8-11 (Acts 2:25-33)?
b) What is the message about Jesus in Psalm 110:1 (Acts 2:34-36)?
14. In what way does Peter’s speech to his fellow Israelites hint that the Gentiles might also come to share in the gift of the Holy Spirit (2:39)?
15. a) What does Peter say is required of those who would receive the Holy Spirit (2:37-38)? (See 10:48; Rom 6:3; 1 Cor 1:13.)
b) Is there any other way? (See 10:44-48.)

Day 6

16. a) How does Luke describe the way of life of the new believers (2:42-47)?
b) How might the Holy Spirit be leading modern believers to live more as these early believers did?
17. What did the apostles and the early believers in Christ do to preserve their identity as Jews (2:46)? (See 3:2-3.)
18. Have you experienced the excitement in the Holy Spirit described of the first Christians (2:11-13, 46-47)? (See Gal 5:22-23; Eph 3:16-19; Col 1:11-12.)