



Week 4: A brief history of time- The full arc of Acts in one message!

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† At first glance Acts is a story of the early church leaders and heroes, such as John, Peter, James, Stephen, Phillip, Barnabas, and of course, Paul. However, this is a very limited view. **THE** key character in Acts is GOD, His activity, and His plan.

† **ACT 1:** What goes up will come back down!  
*Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Key verses- 1:8-11 ♦ Timeline: AD 30*

† **ACT 2:** The birth and early days of the church in Jerusalem  
*Acts 1:12-6:7 ♦ Timeline: AD 30-33*

- A new apostle.
- Pentecost! *Key verses- 2:36-40*
- The fellowship. *Key verses- 2:42, 47b*
- The first healing. *Key verses- 3:6*
- Peter's second sermon. *Key verses- 3:19*
- Peter & John are arrested and testify. *Key verses- 4:12-13, 18-20*
- The believers pray for boldness. *Key verses- 4:31*
- All things in common, enter Barnabas. *Key verses- 4:32*
- Lying to God: Ananias and Sapphira
- The apostles heal many
- The apostles arrested... wait, that didn't work!  
*Key verses- 5:20, 38-39 (Gamaliel's speech)*
- The raising up of the seven. *Key verses- 6:7a*

† **ACT 3:** From Jerusalem to Judea, Samaria, and beyond  
*Acts 6:8-9:31 ♦ Timeline: AD 34-38*

- Enter, Stephen. Exit, Stephen. *Key verses- 7:59-8:1*
- Enter, Saul. Persecution and the church scattered.
- Enter, Phillip. The gospel in Samaria.
- Simon the sorcerer
- Philip and the Ethiopian. *Key verses- 8:36-39*
- The road to Damascus. *Key verses- 9:5-6*
- Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem. *Key verses- 9:31*

† **ACT 4:** The Gospel to the gentiles  
*Acts 9:32-12:25 ♦ Timeline: AD 39-44*

- Peter heals Aeneas and Dorcas
- Cornelius and Peter's vision. *Key verses- 10:15*
- Peter defends his actions to Jerusalem leadership
- The church in Antioch
- Peter's miraculous escape from prison. *Key verses- 12:24*

† **ACT 5:** Paul's first missionary journey and the Jerusalem Council  
*Acts 13:1-15:35 ♦ Timeline: AD 44-48*

- Cyprus, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, and back home to Antioch in Syria. *Key verses- 14:26-27*
- The Jerusalem Council. *Key verses- 15:10-11, 19*

† **ACT 6:** Paul's second and third missionary journeys  
*Acts 15:36-21:16 ♦ Timeline: AD 49-57*

♦ *Galatians from Antioch* <sup>AD49</sup>

- Disagreement between Paul and Barnabas
- The Spirit's restraint and the Man of Macedonia
- Lydia and Philippi
- Paul and Silas in Prison. *Key verses- 16:25*
- Thessalonica and Berea
- Athens and the Mars Hill speech. *Key verses- 17:22-23*
- Corinth, Ephesus, and Priscilla, Aquila, and Apollos
  - ♦ *1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians from Corinth* <sup>AD51-52</sup>
- THIRD missionary journey: in Ephesus
  - ♦ *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians from Ephesus* <sup>AD55</sup>
  - ♦ *2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians from Macedonia* <sup>AD56</sup>
- The lecture hall of Tyrannus. *Key verses- 19:8-10*
- The riot in Ephesus
- The trip home: Greece, Troas, and a tearful goodbye
  - ♦ *Romans from Corinth* <sup>AD57</sup>
- Paul's journey to Jerusalem

† **ACT 7:** Jerusalem, Caesarea, and the journey to Rome  
*Acts 21:17-28:31 ♦ Timeline: AD 57-62*

- In Jerusalem. *Key verses- 23:6, 11*
- In Caesarea. *Key verses- 25:10-12, 26:29*
- The storm. *Key verses- 27:22*
- On Malta
- The gospel is preached. *Key verses- 28:28-31*
  - ♦ *Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon from Rome* <sup>AD60-62</sup>

*Next Sunday: Week 5- "Acts: Looking back, looking forward"*