



The Acts of the Apostles

Introduction

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. Colossians 3:16

KEY WORDS

Holy Spirit

Power

Witness

AUTHOR OF THE BOOK | Luke is the author of the book of Acts. The Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts are written as companion volumes. They are part one and part two of the work of Jesus.

DATE OF WRITING | The abrupt ending of the book indicates that it was written immediately after the events described in the book and prior to the death of Paul or the destruction of Jerusalem.

INTERESTING FACT | Luke and Acts make up 28% of the entire New Testament - more than all of the epistles of Paul combined.

THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS | To give an account of the teachings of the apostles and those who came after Jesus.

The book defends Paul and Christianity in the face of Jewish attacks.

To convey the historical movement of the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome.



IMPORTANCE OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

- The Book of Acts is a defense of the apostleship of Paul.
- Acts describes how God used Israel to bring the gospel to the Gentiles
- The Book of Acts relates to us the way in which the Holy Spirit worked and empowered the foundations of the church.

The book takes us through the gospel as it is preached in Jerusalem and to Judea and then north to Samaria and finally to the uttermost part of the world - to far off Rome.

Acts fills in the gap between the Gospels and the Epistles.