

February 2023 – Education Month Acts - Reading Plan



Author: Luke *Theme: Believers empowered by the Holy Spirit to continue the work of Jesus in the Early Church*

Date: About A.D. 62 *Key Words: Jesus, Spirit, Resurrection, Apostle, Church*

Wed 1st	Thurs 2nd	Fri 3rd	Sat 4th	Sun 5th	*Mon 6th	*Tue 7th
Acts 1	Acts 2	Acts 3	Acts 4:1-31	Acts 4:23-5:42	Acts 6	Acts 7
*Wed 8th	*Thurs 9th	*Fri 10th	Sat 11th	Sun 12th	Mon 13th	Tue 14th
Acts 8	Acts 9:1-31	Acts 9:32-10:48	Acts 11	Acts 12	Acts 13	Acts 14
Wed 15th	Thurs 16th	Fri 17th	Sat 18th	Sun 19th	Mon 20th	Tue 21st
Acts 15	Acts 16	Acts 17	Acts 18	Acts 19	Acts 20	Acts 21
Wed 22nd	Thurs 23rd	Fri 24th	Sat 25th	Sun 26th	Mon 27th	Tue 28th
Acts 22	Acts 23	Acts 24	Acts 25	Acts 26	Acts 27	Acts 28
Sunday 26th February 2023						
Memory Challenge - Philippians 2:5 - 13 (See page 3)						*Hour of Power

Christ's Church In Action – Life Lessons from the Book of Acts - https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL_FQjHJ4csnIA9zeE0spDyH9SUFQITEY8

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The Book of Acts

Author and Content

The Book of Acts does not specifically mention its author, but many indicators point to Luke, “the beloved physician” (Col 4:14), the same person who wrote the Gospel of Luke (1:1, 2). Acts is the sequel to the life of Christ in the Gospels, and it records the spread of Christianity from Jerusalem to Rome. It is the initiation of Jesus’ Great Commission to make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:14-16; Luke 24:46-49). Luke tells the story of the early church within the framework of geographical, political and historical details that could only fit in the first century. The longest section of Acts focuses on the development and expansion of the Gentile ministry directed by Paul and his associates (chapters. 13-28).

Personal Application

Acts is a record of *practising* Christianity under the power of the Holy Spirit. It teaches believers how to live together in meaningful Christian fellowship, sharing freely with one another (2:42; 4:32-35).

Conversely, Acts also shows that Christians inevitably will have disagreements (6:1; 11:1-3; 15:2, 7; 15:36-39), but that God gives wisdom and grace to settle differences (15:12-22). Even though the early church had its share of strong personalities, there was still a willingness to listen and to submit to one another (15:6-14).

Probably the most prominent characteristic of the early Christians was their spiritual power. They fasted and prayed fervently (2:24; 6:4; 13:3), and their faith released the miracle-working power of God (3:16).

Acts is about ordinary people doing extraordinary things. Signs followed those who believed! See Mark 16:17, 18.

MEMORY CHALLENGE – to recite on Sunday 26th February 2023**Philippians 2:5 - 13** (NKJV)

⁵ Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷ but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross. ⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

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