

About the Book of the Acts of the Apostles

Acts is basically a continuation of the Gospel of Saint Luke. It might be called its sequel because it picks up where the Gospel ended.

Acts tells of the work of the Holy Spirit through the apostles. It covers a period of approximately 30 years from the descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost) to Saint Paul's imprisonment in Rome. It can be broken into three parts. The Gospel is preached:

- ◆ in Jerusalem (Acts 1-7)
- ◆ in Judea and Samaria (Acts 8-12)
- ◆ to the northern Mediterranean area (Acts 13-28)

1. Saint Luke mentions in Acts 1 verse 3 that Jesus presented Himself alive for 40 days. A–D lists the verses in the Holy Bible that record these “post-Resurrection” appearances. Connect A–D to the titles in E–H that best explain these appearances.

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| A. Luke 24:13-35 | E. Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Christ |
| B. John 20:19-30 | F. Breakfast after Fishing |
| C. John 20:11-18 | G. Road to Emmaus |
| D. John 21:1-13 | H. Thomas Doubts |

J. Look up I Corinthians 15:6. In this verse, to how many persons did Jesus show Himself?

Reread Acts 1:4-8 in order to answer questions 2 and 3.

2. In Acts 1:4-5 Jesus gave the apostles specific instructions.

(a) They were to stay in _____.

(b) There they were to wait for the _____ which God the Father had promised.

