

**THE BOOK OF ACTS IS LIKE A SEQUEL TO -
OR CONTINUATION OF - THE GOSPELS**

THE
GOSPELS
MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, & JOHN



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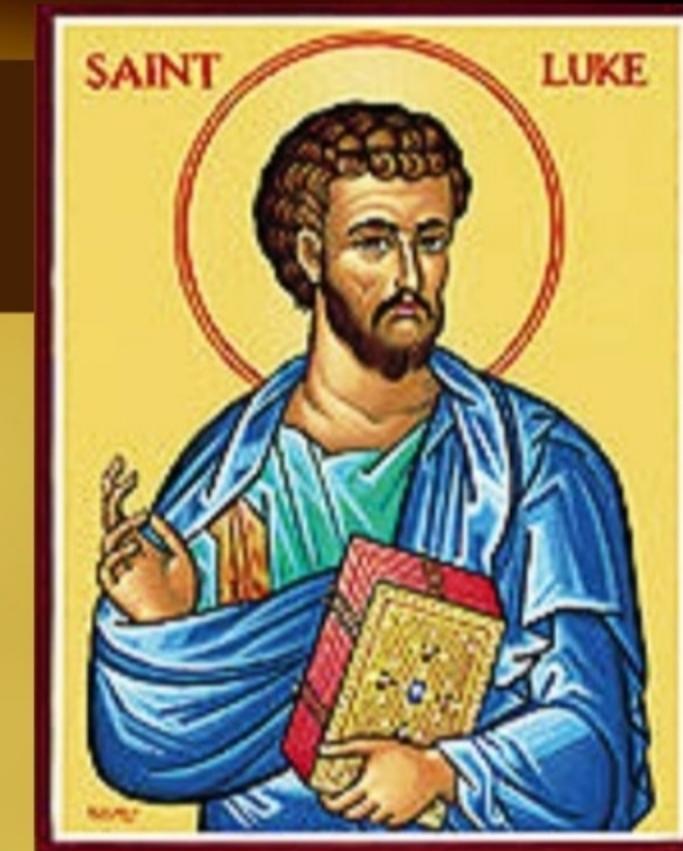
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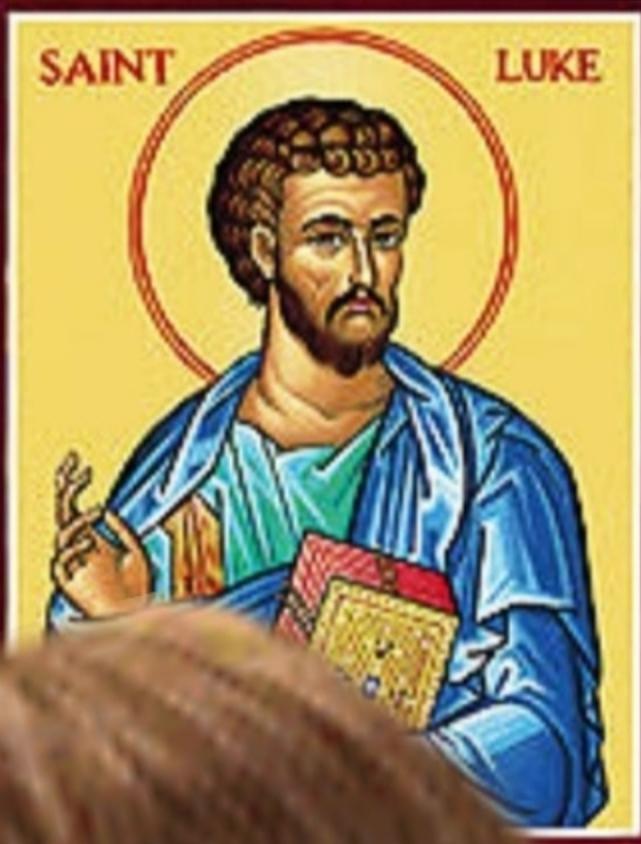


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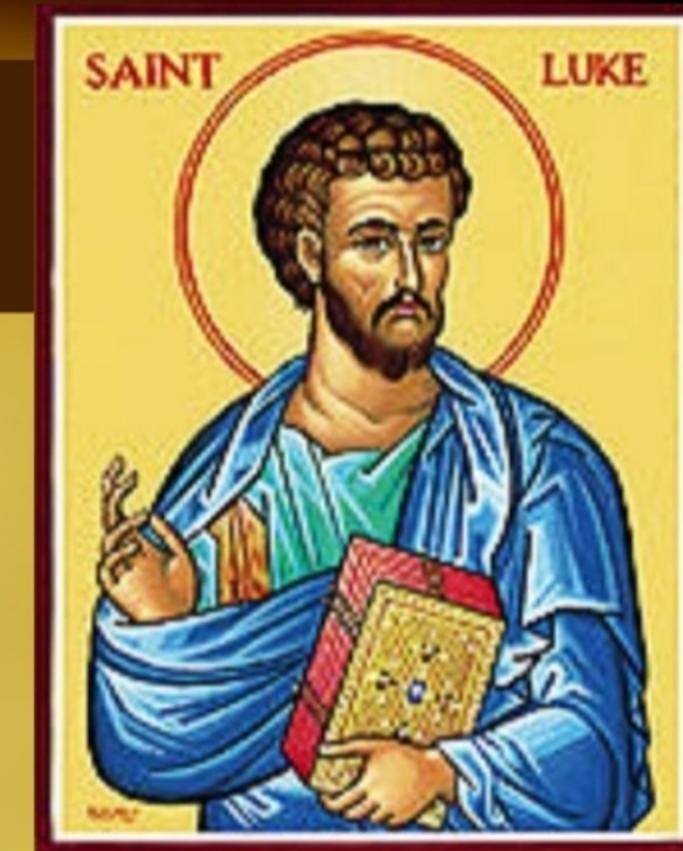
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**That's
Awful!**

WHO WAS LUKE?

“the beloved physician” (Col. 4:14)
Traveling Companion of Paul



Acts 16:6-8: “**When THEY had gone through Phrygia and... THEY were forbidden... to preach... in Asia... and THEY [came down] to Mysia...**”

THE LANGUAGE SHIFTS



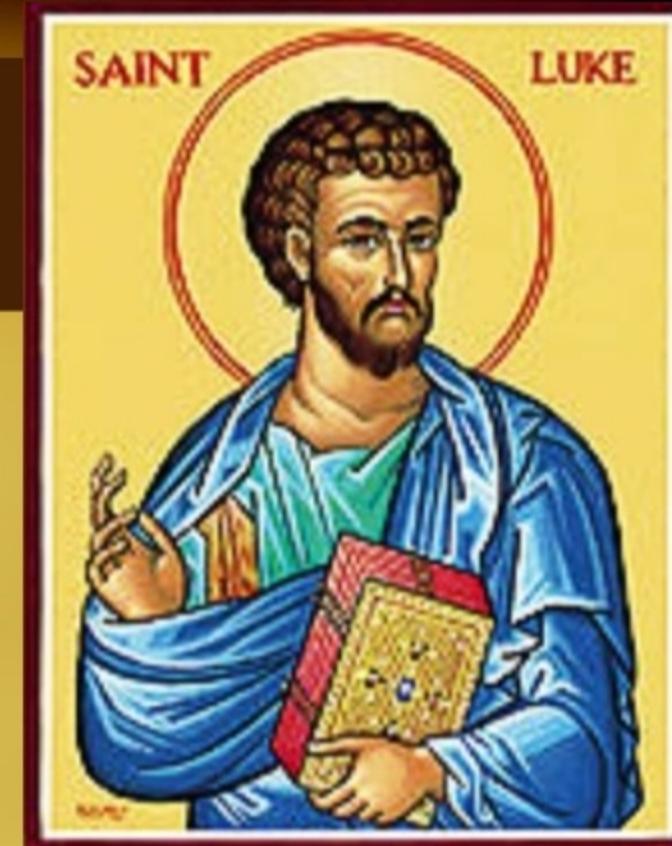
THIS IS WHERE LUKE JOINS PAUL



Acts 16:9-10: “**WE sought to go to Macedonia... WE ran a straight course to Samothrace... WE [stayed] in that city for [many] days.**”

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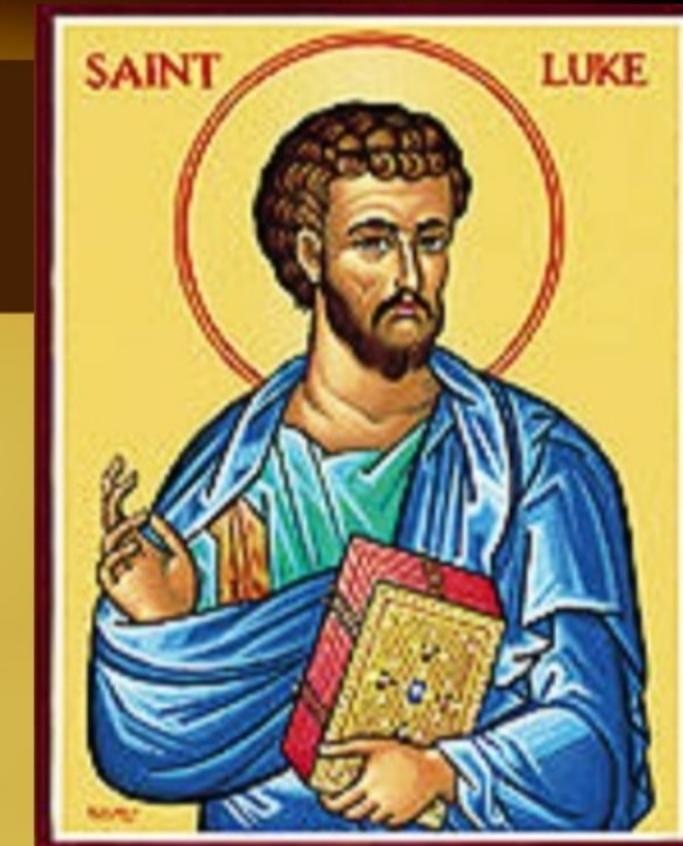
“The ‘we’ sections [of Acts]... are Luke’s... as an eyewitness... Everything from Chapter 13... Luke would get from Paul, with whom he was... at Caesarea, Philippi, Malta, & Rome.”

(Dr. Graham Scroggie)

“Nothing is more natural than that the great missionary Paul should’ve communicated to his... friends the record of his work... in the heathen centers of... [the world].” (Theodor Zahn)

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“What is related in Chapter 12, [Luke] may... have gotten from Mark, to whose house Peter went after his [prison] release, and WITH whom Luke was in Rome... Cornelius, who lived at Caesarea, could've given Luke the information for the... parts of Chapters 9–11, because Luke was at Caesarea with Paul. Paul witnessed the martyrdom of Stephen, and would have no doubt given Luke details of Chapters 6–7. Philip, who lived at Caesarea—where Luke was—could have given him the [details] of Chapter 8. What is recorded in Chapters 1–5 may well have been supplied by Peter, Barnabas, and Philip, who also [knew] Luke.”

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WHEN WAS ACTS WRITTEN?

Acts 28:30: **“Paul dwelt two whole years in his own rented house...”** ('House Arrest')

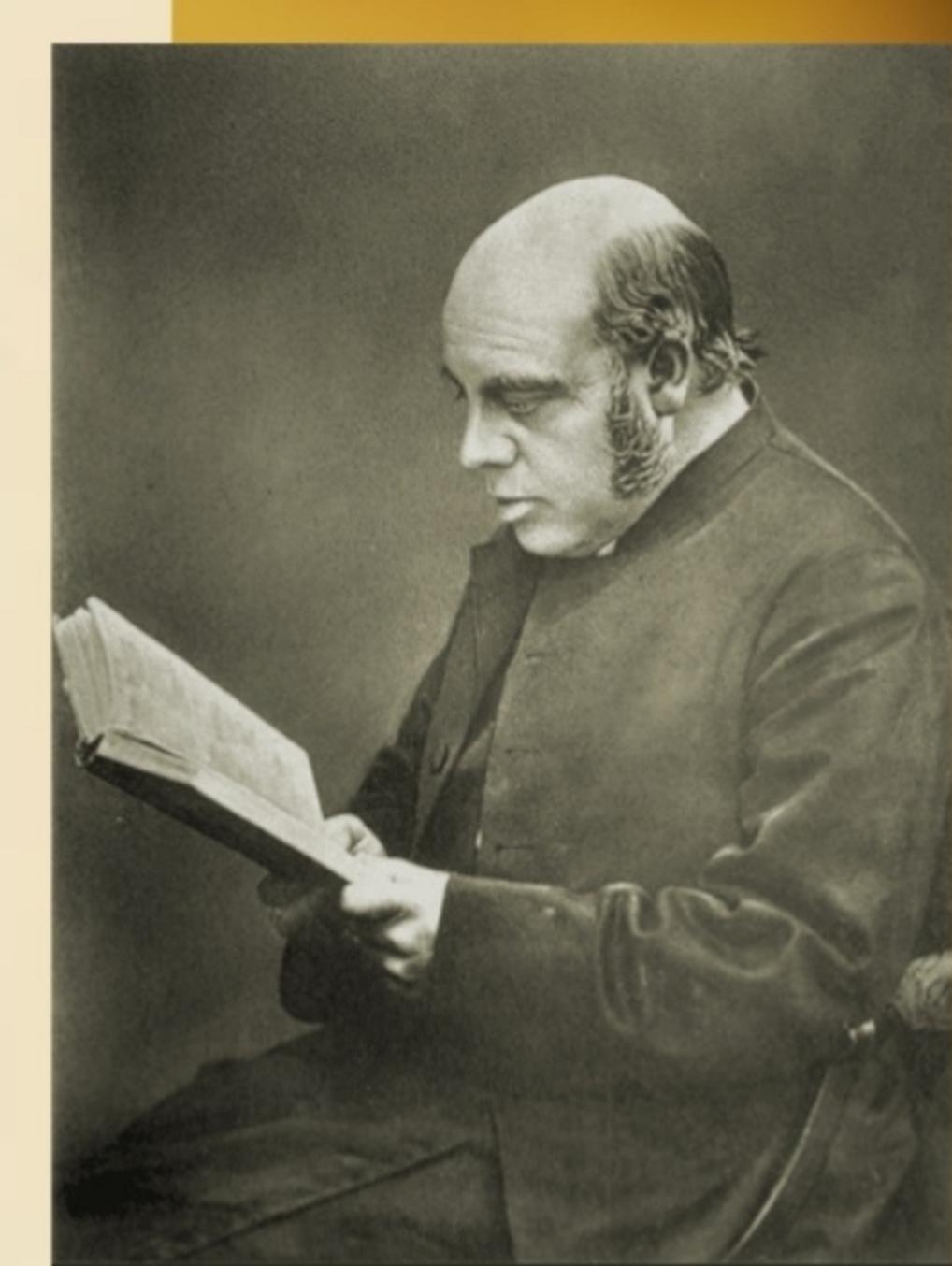
Released from in 63 AD

“There is no mention of the fall of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., or Nero’s persecution of the Christians, which started about 64 A.D... Therefore... it is logical to date the writing of the Book of Acts near the end of the Paul’s imprisonment [around] 62 AD.”

THE BOOK OF ACTS SPANS ABOUT 30 YEARS

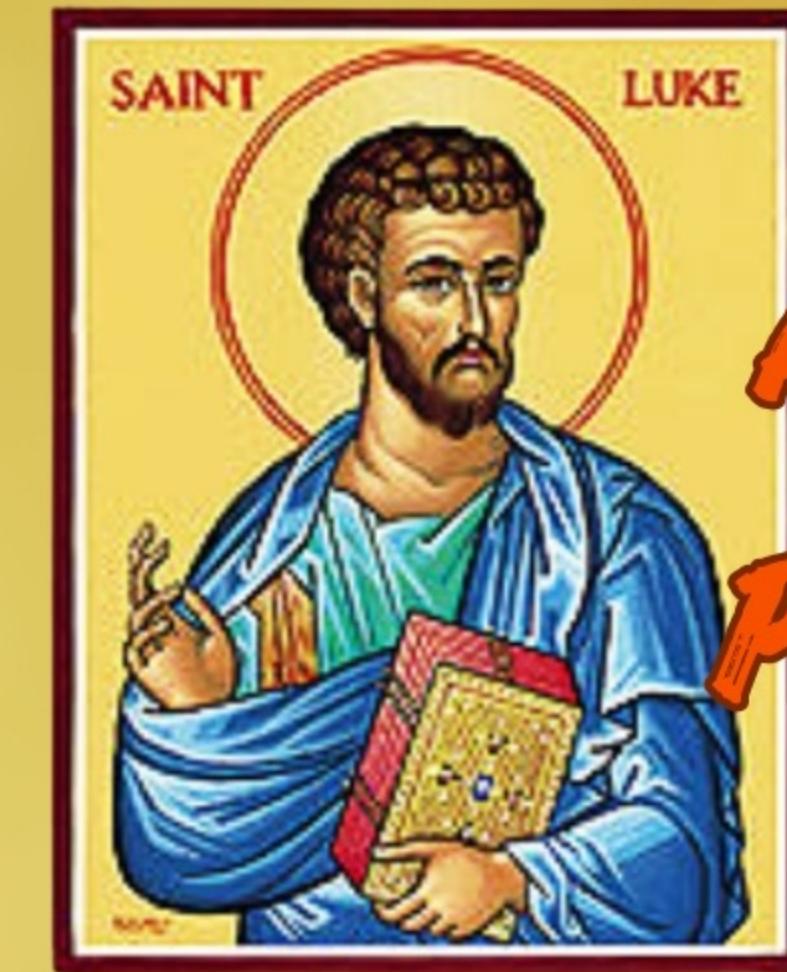
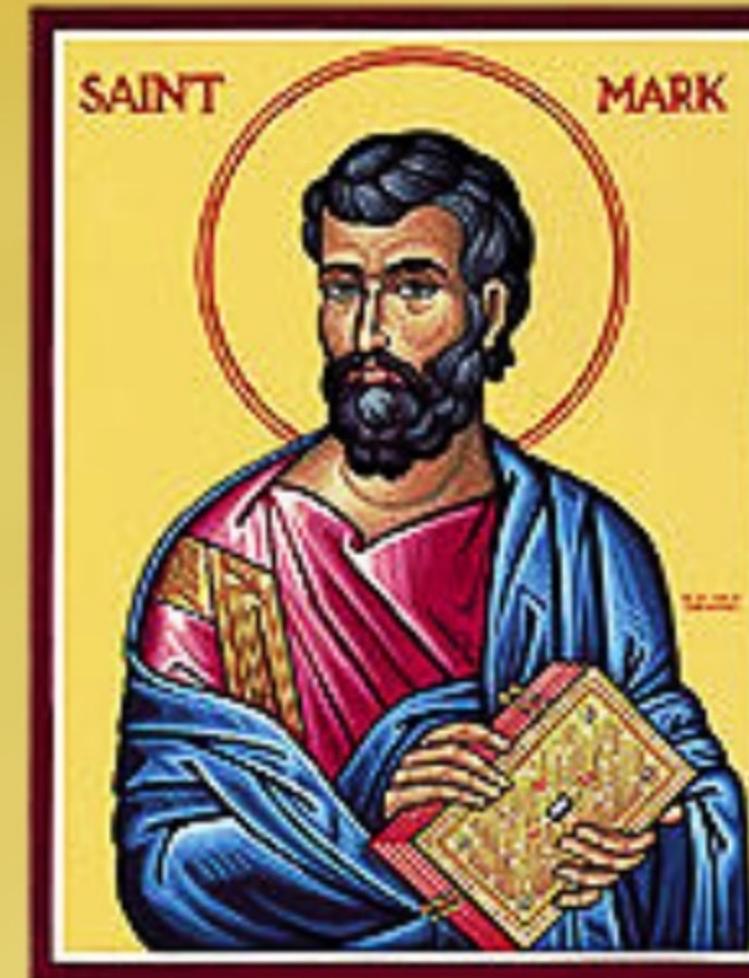
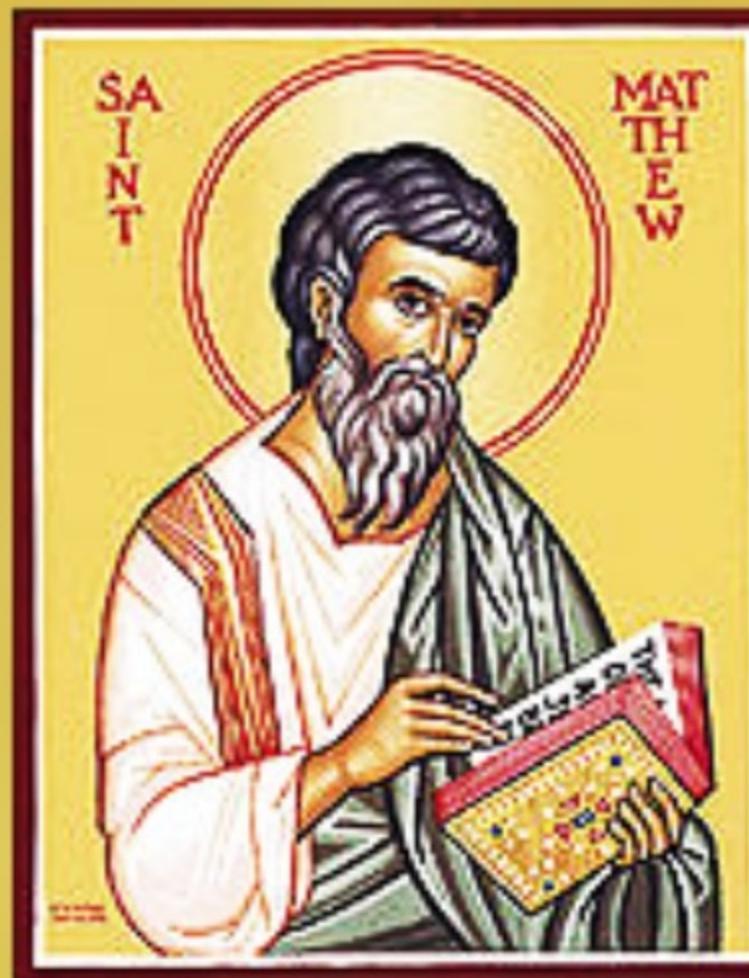
LIGHTFOOT'S DATES OF FOURTEEN EVENTS.

EVENT.	CHAP.	A.D.
1. Ascension of Christ,	I. 9	30
2. Conversion of Saul,	ix. 1-19	34-36
3. Paul's First Visit to Jerusalem, ...	ix. 26	37, 38
4. Paul at Antioch,	xi. 26	44
5. Paul's Second Visit to Jerusalem,	xi. 30	45
6. Paul's First Missionary Journey,	xiii. 4	48
7. The Great Council at Jerusalem,	xv. 1-29	51
8. Paul's First Visit to Corinth, ...	xviii. 1	52
9. Paul's Fourth Visit to Jerusalem,	xviii. 22	54
10. Paul leaves Ephesus,	xx. 1	57
11. Paul's Arrest in Jerusalem, ...	xxi. 33	58
12. Paul reaches Rome,	xxviii. 16	61
13. Close of the "Acts,"	xxviii. 30, 31	63
14. Paul is Martyred,		67



Joseph Barber Lightfoot
English Theologian
Bishop of Durham

THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS: “TOGETHER SIGHT”



**ALL SHARE
A SIMILAR
PERSPECTIVE**

- About 90 percent of Mark's content is found in Matthew...
- 50 percent of Mark's content appears in Luke...
- All the parables of Jesus are in the Synoptics (the Gospel of John has no parables)...

INTERESTING:

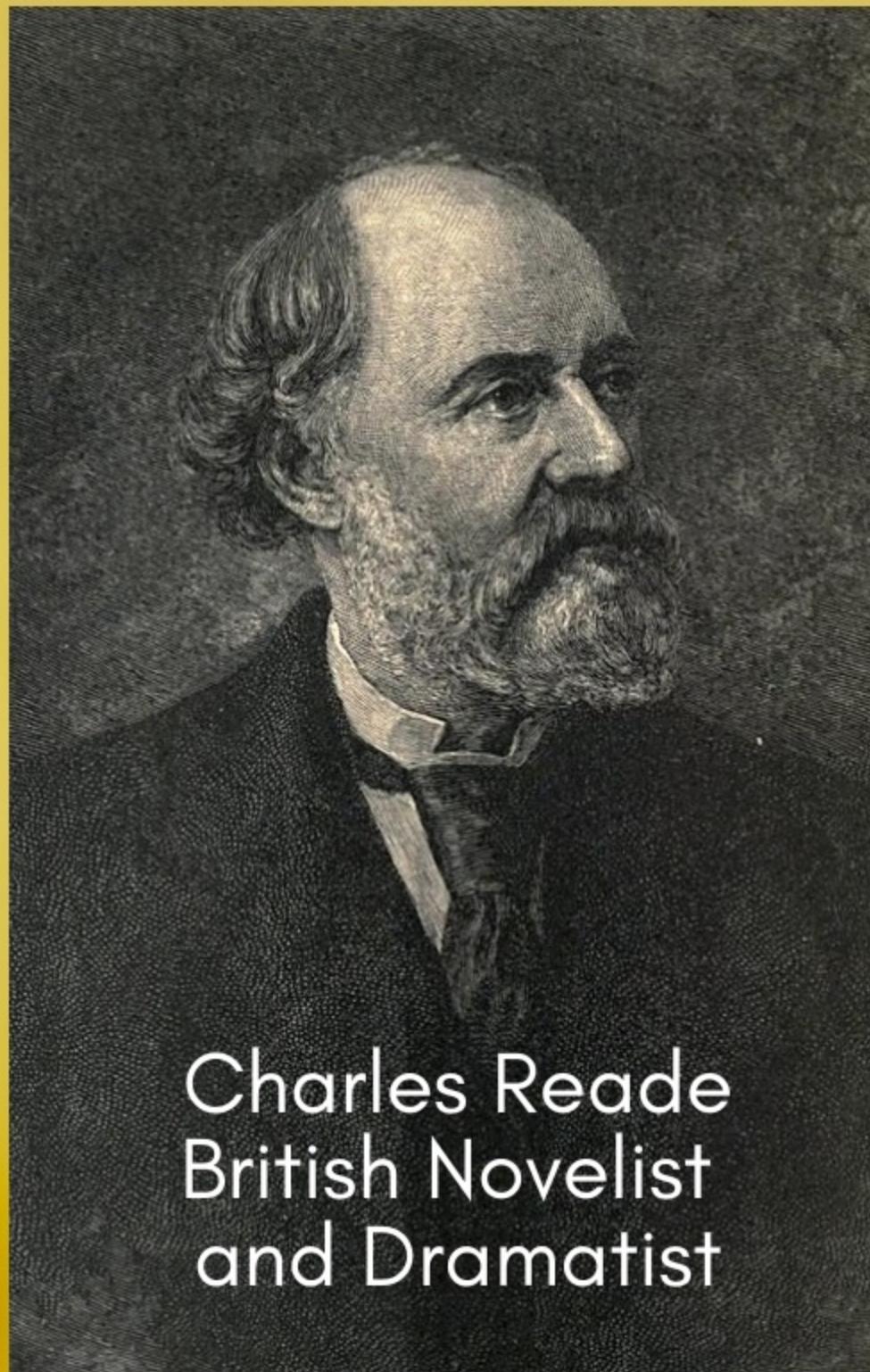
THE GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS:

*“There are 3 synoptic gospels, and the Book of Acts is in 3 parts... Matthew was written for the **JEWS**, and in Acts Chapters 1-7, the church is **PRIMARILY JEWISH**... Mark was written for the **ROMANS**, and in Acts Chapters 8-12, the gospel reaches **ROME** through the Jews. Luke wrote to the **GREEKS**, and in Acts 13-28, we see a... protracted Gospel [ministry] in **GREECE**. As the fourth Gospel: John was written for the **COMMON MAN**, and it relates to the **WHOLE** of the Book of Acts... These facts are impressive and important... [and] cannot be accidental.” (**Dr. Graham Scroggie**)*

THE BOOK OF ACTS:

*“The Book of Acts is one of the most graphic and forceful bits of writing anywhere to be found. Only by reading it in **ONE SITTING**—and in reading it **OFTEN** in this way—can one appreciate its power.”*

Charles Reade
British Novelist
and Dramatist

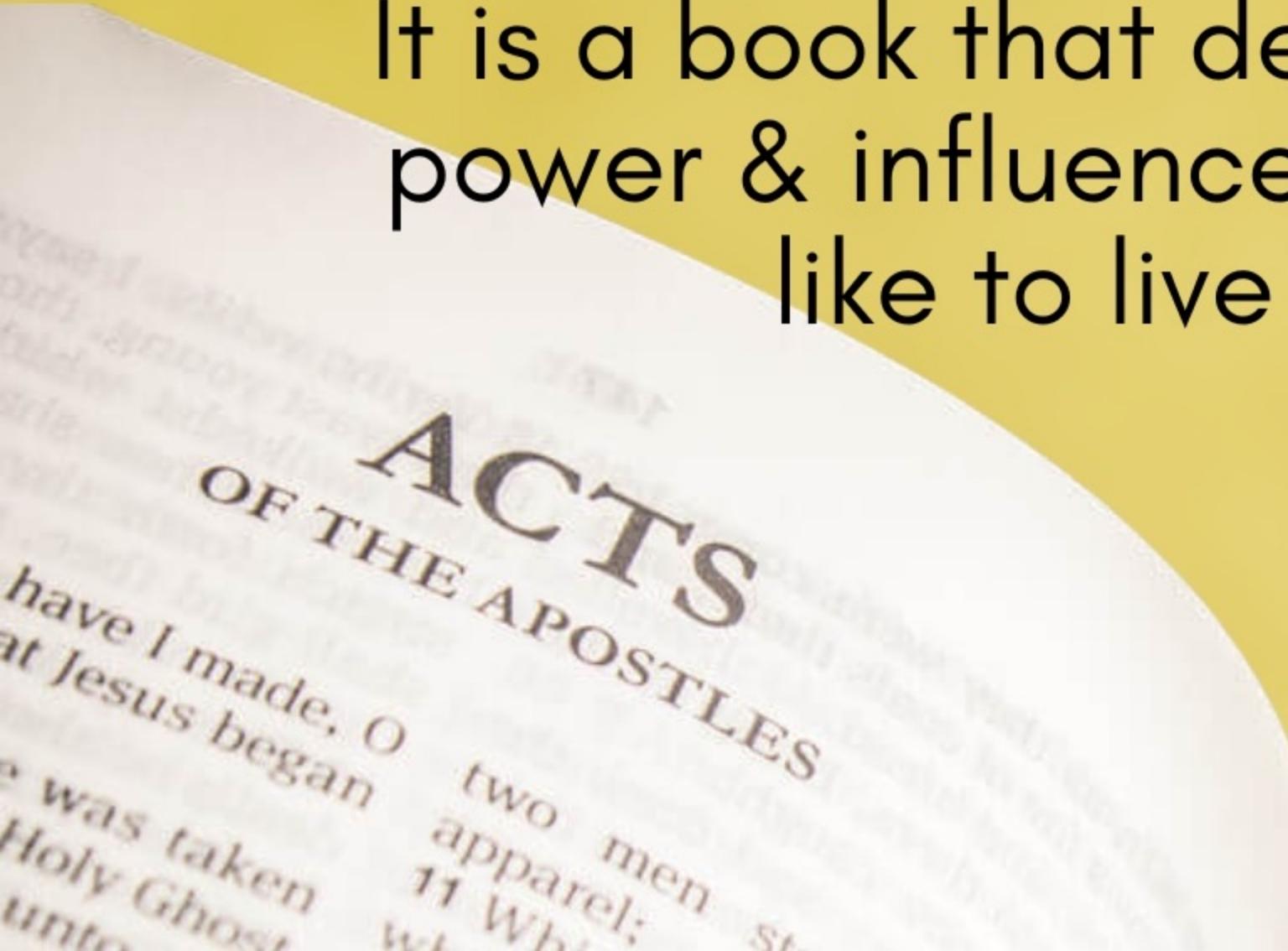


THE BOOK OF ACTS:

The Book of Acts is filled with history, adventure, doctrine, courage, biographies, narrow escapes, miracles, healings, shipwrecks, and imprisonments.

It is a book that describes what it's like to live under the power & influence of the Holy Spirit... And what it looks like to live in true, Christian fellowship.

But it does not present the early church as some sort of 'utopia'



THE BOOK OF ACTS:

“Even though the early church had a [fair] share of strong personalities, there was still a willingness to listen to—and submit—to one another.”

“Presented by many, and in varying terms—the message is always the same. Jesus is the promised Messiah, the Son of God, Redeemer of the world. His death is atoning, He rose from the dead, ascended to heaven, and by the Holy Spirit is ever-present with His people. He forgives sins, empowers for holy living & noble service. There is here no attempt to systematize truth. Creedal formation awaited the age of criticism and controversy... But, in the Book of Acts – all is simple, natural, and passionate.”



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Pastor Kevin- I enjoyed your overview of the four gospels yesterday! I learned many small and precious truths. Truth be told when you announced the rapid journey through the New Testament I was a bit skeptical bc of the timeline. Not anymore. I have already read 15 chapters of Acts with thirteen chapters left. Thank you for allowing God to use you in follow the Holy Spirit to teach us 🙏 I am excited to be on this journey !

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THE BOOK OF ACTS:

Acts 1:4-5: **“And being assembled together with them, [Jesus] commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; “for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”**

**CIRCLE
HIGHLIGHT
UNDERLINE
STAR** 

Acts 1:8: **“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

THE DIVINE OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF REVELATION:

Revelation Chapter 1, Verse 9

- "the things which you have seen." = CHAPTER 1, John's vision while on the isle of Patmos...
- "the things which are." = CHAPTERS 2-3, the Church Age...
- "the things which WILL TAKE PLACE after this..." = CHAPTERS 4-22, the last days.

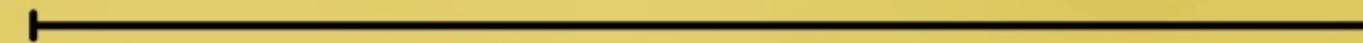


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A 'DIVINE OUTLINE' OF THE BOOK OF ACTS?

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*“The geographical references [mentioned here]... provide a simple outline of the [rest of the] book.” - “Chapters 1-7 tell of the church’s witness in **Jerusalem**. Chapters 8-12 tell of the church’s witness in **Judea & Samaria**... Chapters 13-28 tell of the church’s witness to the **uttermost parts of the Earth**.”*

WHAT THE BOOK OF ACTS IS ALL ABOUT:

Acts 1:8: **“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”**

The Book of Acts is all about:

- **The SPIRIT OF GOD**
- **Working through the PEOPLE OF GOD**
- **To CONTINUE THE WORK OF GOD**
- **Which BEGAN WITH THE SON OF GOD**

THE 'ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!'

*"Both the public ministry of Jesus in the gospels and the public ministry of the Church in the Book of Acts began with a life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit: both are essential accounts of the results of that event." - "Jesus is the Prototype of the Spirit-filled, Spirit-empowered life. **The Book of Acts is the [account] of the disciples receiving what Jesus received in order to do exactly what Jesus did."***

"The Book of Acts is all about ordinary people doing extraordinary things."

THE BEGINNING OF ACTS:

Acts 1:14-15: **“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers... (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty)...”**



Acts 2:1: **“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.”**

“IN ONE ACCORD”

= 11 Times in the Book of Acts

THE DAY OF PENTECOST:

Acts 2:2-4: **“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing, mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And... there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance.”**

WATCH FOR THIS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS:

**PRAYING
in
ONE ACCORD**

**WE'VE
MOVED
AWAY
FROM
THESE**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Acts 1:5: "...you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."
- Acts 1:8: "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."
- Acts 2:4: "...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit..."
- Acts 8:17: "...they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."
- Acts 10:44: "...the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word."
- Acts 10:45: "...the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also."

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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

**ALL BELIEVERS HAVE THE
HOLY SPIRIT LIVING INSIDE THEM**

THIS HAPPENS AT OUR MOMENT OF CONVERSION:

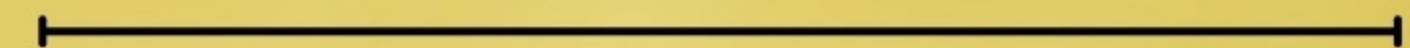
**Romans 8:9: “Now if anyone does not have
the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”**

**1 Corinthians 12:3: “...no one can say that
Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”**

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

3 GREEK PREPOSITIONS

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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Acts 2:4: **“...they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues...”**

Acts 4:31: **“they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and... spoke the word of God with boldness.”**

Acts 10:44-46: **“the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word... [and] they heard them speak with tongues...”**

Acts 13:52: **“...the disciples were filled with... the Holy Spirit.”**

Acts 19:6: **“the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues...”**

**SPEAKING IN
TONGUES IS
NOT THE TELL-
ALL SIGN OF
BEING FILLED
WITH THE
SPIRIT!!!**

PREACHING ON PENTECOST

Acts 2:14-41: “But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them...

**PREACHES
THE WORD!**

**→ QUOTES JOEL 2:28-32
QUOTES PSALM 16:8-11
QUOTES PSALM 110:1**

VS. 41: “Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.”

THE EARLY CHURCH:

Acts 2:42: **“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”**

THIS
SHOULD
MAKE UP
EVERY
CHURCH’S
LIFE!

VS. 43-45: **“Then fear came upon every soul, and signs [and wonders] were done through the apostles... Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and [they] sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.”**

THE EARLY CHURCH:

Acts 2:46-47: **“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.”**

“I will build My church.”

~Jesus / Matthew 16:18



PREACHING IN SOLOMON'S PORCH:

Acts 3:1-8: **“Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer... And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb... seeing Peter and John... asked for alms. And [Peter] took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he... stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.”**

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Acts 4:7: “By what power or by what name have you done this?”



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Acts 4:8-10: **“Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: ‘Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: if we this day are judged for a good deed done to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel...**



that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, who you crucified, who God raised up from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.”

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PRAYING FOR BOLDNESS!

Acts 4:23-24: **“And being let go, they went to their own companions and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: “Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them...”**

VS. 29-31: **“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

TROUBLE IN PARADISE?

THE EARLY CHURCH WAS NOT

PERFECT

BECAUSE OF

PEOPLE



PROBLEMS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

- Chapter 5—**Ananias & Sapphira: “why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit?”**
- Chapter 6—**“...a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists...”**
- Chapter 7—**“they cast [Stephen] out of the city and stoned him...”**
- Chapter 8—**“a great persecution arose against the church... and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria.”**
- Chapter 12—**“Herod the king... killed James... with the sword.”**

A PURPOSE TO PERSECUTION?

Acts 1:8: "...you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

REMEMBER THIS? 

THEY WEREN'T DOING IT!

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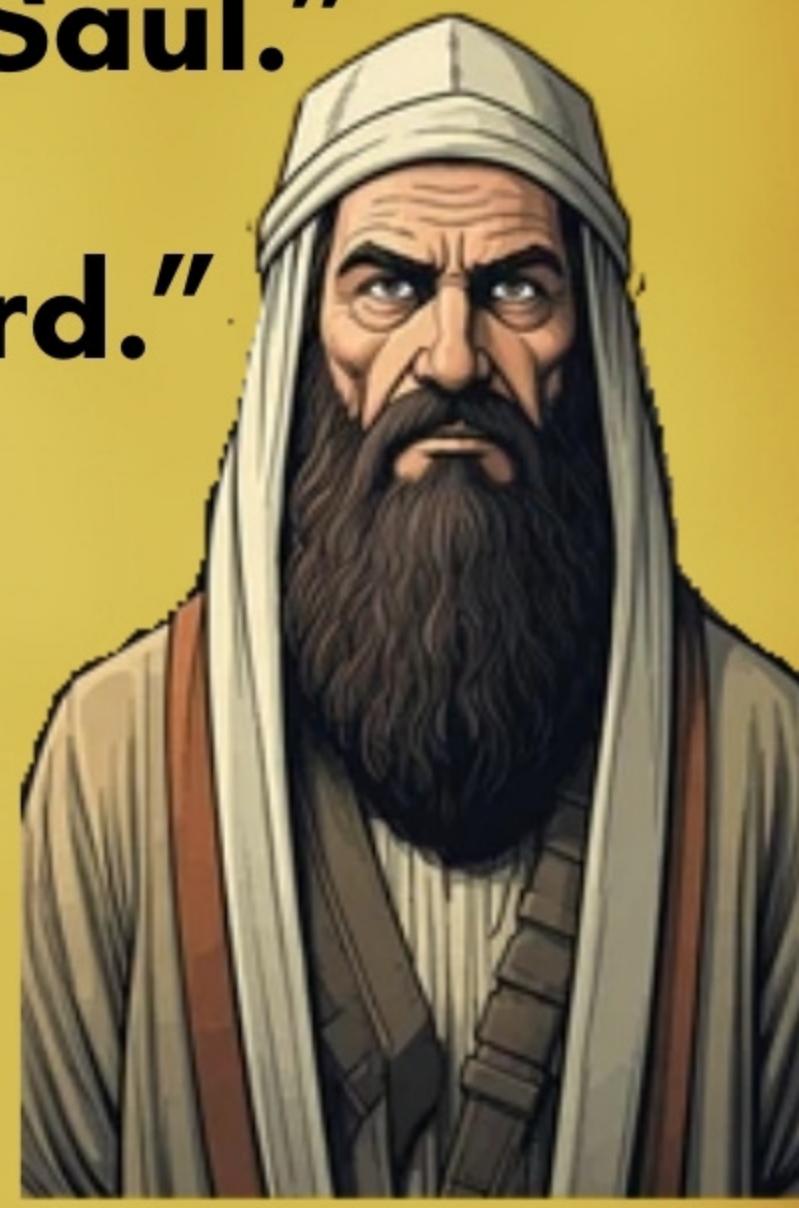
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 **GOD USED PERSECUTION TO GET THEM TO DO THIS!**

Acts 8:1: "a great persecution arose against the church... and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria."

SAUL OF TARSUS

- Acts 8:1: **“Saul was consenting to [Stephen’s] death...”**
- Acts 7:58: **“...they cast [Stephen] out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.”**
- Chapter 9:1-2: **“Saul still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord.”**
“[he] asked letters from the high priest so that if he found any who were of the way that he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”



SAUL'S DAMASCUS ROAD CONVERSION

Acts 9:3-6: **"As [Saul] journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?" And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" Then the Lord said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads." So he, trembling and astonished, said, "Lord, what do You want me to do?" Then the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."**



Acts 13:9: **"Saul, who also is called Paul..."**

SAUL'S DAMASCUS ROAD CONVERSION

PEOPLE WERE INITIALLY SKEPTICAL ABOUT SAUL:

Acts 9:21: **“Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has [he] come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?”**

SAUL'S CONVERSION IS SO SIGNIFICANT THAT LUKE WRITES OF IT IN CHAPTERS 9, 22, and 26



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“What God has cleansed you must not call common.”

THE GOSPEL COMES TO THE GENTILES:

Acts 10:24-25: **“On the next day Peter... entered Caesarea. Now Cornelius was waiting for them...”**

VS. 44-48: **“...while Peter was still speaking... the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. And those of the circumcision who believed [JEWS] were astonished, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured... on the GENTILES also.”**

THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL!



THE GOSPEL COMES TO THE GENTILES:

“Many Jews of Peter’s day believed God loved the Jews while hating the Gentiles. According to William Barclay, it was common for a Jewish man to begin the day with a prayer thanking God that he was not a slave... [or] a Gentile. If a Jew married a Gentile, the Jewish community would have a funeral for the Jew and consider them dead. It was thought that to even enter the house of a Gentile made a Jew unclean. All of this changed with the Gospel. Christianity was the first religion to disregard racial, cultural and national limitations.”

David Guzik / EnduringWord.com

THE GOSPEL COMES TO THE GENTILES:

NOT A 'NEW' PLAN:

Isaiah 60:3: **“The Gentiles shall come to Your light...”**

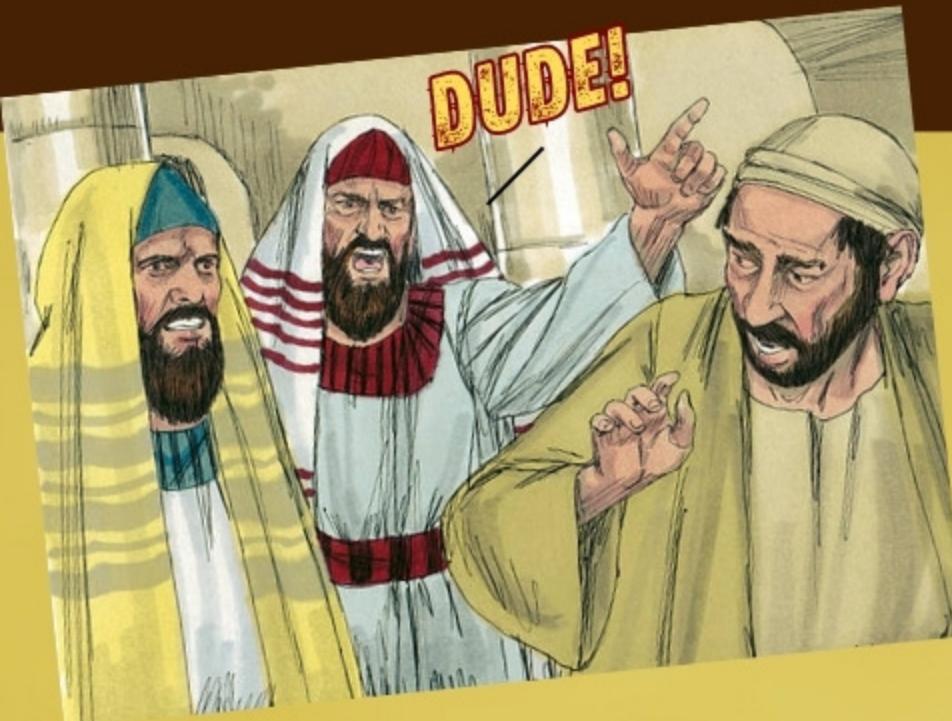
Isaiah 11:10: **“the Gentiles shall seek Him...”**

Isaiah 42:1: **“in His name the Gentiles will trust.”**

Isaiah 49:6: **“I will give You as a light to the Gentiles”**

Ephesians 2:16: **“...that He might reconcile them both [JEWS and GENTILES] to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity...”**

A MAJOR DISPUTE IN THE EARLY CHURCH:



Acts 11:2-3: **"When Peter came up to Jerusalem, those of the circumcision contended with him, saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men and ate with them!"**

Acts 15:1: **"Certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."**

Acts 15:2: **"[they] had no small dissension and dispute..."**
Acts 15:7: **"there [was] much dispute..."**

**"IT SEEMED GOOD TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT AND TO US"**

THE JERUSALEM COUNCIL:



Acts 15:13-22: "Men and brethren... I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood." – "[this thing] pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church..."

THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE:

VARIOUS PEOPLE:

Barnabas to Silas, Timothy, and Luke, John Mark... Priscilla and Aquila, Aristarchus, Secundus, Gaius, Tychicus, Trophimus...

VARIOUS PLACES:

Cyprus, Crete, Perga, Iconium, Lystra, Berea, Attalia, Selucia, Derbe, Syracuse, Joppa, Miletus... and **LOTS MORE!**



ACTS CHAPTERS 13 - 28:

THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE:

*“Acts takes us over land and sea, north and south, from the Jordan to the Tiber, represent[ing] the intellectual, political, and commercial life of the ancient world. The Book of Acts is the authorized Missionary Manual of the Church—the greatest missionary story ever told!”
(Dr. Graham Scroggie)*



ACTS CHAPTERS 13 - 28:

THE MISSIONARY JOURNEYS OF PAUL THE APOSTLE:

**Acts Follows the Ministry of People Like:
Peter, James, John, & Paul...**

Who Write Letters to the:

Romans

Corinthians

Galatians

Philippians

Ephesians

Colossians

Thessalonians

"Every ONE of which tells a BIT of the story of the FIRST PLANTING of Christianity."



ACTS SETS-UP THE REST OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

NEXT
WEEK!

THE EPISTLE OF

JAMES

READ
AHEAD!



THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

*“The only book of the Bible that is
still being written to this day.”*

**It tells of the SPIRIT OF GOD working through
the PEOPLE OF GOD to CONTINUE THE WORK OF
GOD which BEGAN WITH THE SON OF GOD**

**And THAT work CONTINUES
today with you and I!**

“If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!” Lk. 11:13

“be [being] filled with the Spirit”
Eph. 5:18