

Acts

Who, When, Where

Written by Loukas (Luke). Loukas was a Greek physician and historian. He researched and documented the life of Yeshua, and then joined in on the mission (in Acts 11). The story starts with Yeshua's ascension into heaven around 30AD. And it ends around 60AD with Paulus under house arrest in Rome, waiting to be heard by Caesar on the (false) charges brought against him in Jerusalem.

There are no dates provided as you go along, so remember that it covers 30 years. It didn't all happen in a week.

Actually remember that too when you read of the Holy Spirit speaking to people in visions, dreams, and even voices. Its easy to think that that happened every day to people like Paulus and Petros. But they were special events, and only happened rarely over that 30 year period.

This story starts out in Jerusalem, but expands all across Asia Minor (modern Turkey) and reaches across to Macedonia (modern Greece). It ends with a hazardous journey by boat all the way to Rome.

Summary

So, kind of Luke 2. Luke left off with Yeshua's ascension, and Acts picks up from there and tells the story of the first 30 years or so of the church. It is really the Acts of the Holy Spirit since it's him doing all the work.

It's a story of miracles and power. It's a story of devotion and faith in the face of persecution and trials. And it's a story of encouragement for any would be missionary.

Whether you're a missionary where you live now, or go overseas to another culture, either way, you have been chosen by God to represent him to the world. You are his ambassador. You are representing heaven. Not the country you were born in, but the country you were born again in.

Before You Read

If I didn't believe that you were from God, how could you convince me? What could God do through you that I just wouldn't be able to argue with?

What is stopping God doing that through you now?

Nothing right?

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