



## “There’s So Much More to the Story”

Acts 1:1-3  
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### Who wrote the book of Acts & Why?

#### How Luke + Acts Work Together:

- Both Luke and Acts focus on the **person** and **work** of Jesus Christ!
- Both Luke and Acts focus on the **people** of God and people who **need** God.
- Both Luke and Acts focus on the **sovereignty** of God!

#### Guidance for Studying Acts:

- Remember that this is historical narrative and is full of stories that describe **real** people and **real** churches. Mistakes are sometimes made and we get to see the church figure out how to correct them.
- Remember that it is not primarily a book of **doctrine**. It has and reflects doctrine, but it shows us that the Apostles are in the process of discerning what correct doctrine is. That Apostolic teaching will be written down as the New Testament letters are inspired by the Holy Spirit and written down for us.
- The events happen in a unique period of time. Remember that “everything **described** is not necessarily being **prescribed**”.

The Big Idea: The story of what Jesus did and is still doing does not **end** in the Gospels. In Acts, we see that Christ **lives** and **moves** through the disciples and the Church He is building. The Gospel of Jesus spreads from Jerusalem throughout the world in the preaching of God’s Word.

### Acts 1:1-3

**1** <sup>1</sup> In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands **through** the Holy Spirit **to** the apostles whom he

had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself **alive** to them after his suffering **by** many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

### TRUTHS FOR OUR LIVES:

- ✓ The incarnation, suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus are all **historical events** that are at the core of our faith and doctrine.
- ✓ We have a resurrected Jesus alive **among** us and **in** His disciples.
- ✓ Jesus’ work did not end with His time on earth. He continues **His ministry** to this day!
- ✓ The commands of Jesus given to the Apostles are found and preserved for us in Scripture. We must read, study, and know our **Bible** if we want to know and obey Jesus.
- ✓ You do not have to go through life simply “**hoping**” you are saved and forgiven.

1 John 5:13 says, “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

- ✓ It is **normal** to be skeptical and to ask questions about Jesus. That first group of Disciples were the spiritual foundation of the Church. They had doubts and questions – Jesus offered them **proof**.
- ✓ Easter Sunday Flashback:  
“If the resurrection didn’t happen, nothing else matters. If the resurrection did happen, nothing else matters.” - Jaroslov Pelikan
- ✓ What does Jesus want us to know?  
*For 40 days before His ascension, He taught them about “The **Kingdom of God**.”*

Our King is alive!  
Have you bowed and  
submitted your life to Him?