

## **The Book of Acts**

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**Key verse - 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."*

### **1) The Witness in Jerusalem (1:1–6:7)**

- a) *Introduction and Instructions (1:1–8)*
- b) *The Ascension (1:9–11)*
- c) *The Selection of Judas's Replacement (1:12–26)*
- d) *Pentecost: Birth of the Church (2:1–47)*

**Progress report no. 1:** The inception of the church (chap. 2) "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (2:47).

**Progress report no. 2:** Administration in the church (6:1–7) "So the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly" (6:7).

### **2) The Witness in all Judea and Samaria (6:8–9:31)**

**Progress report no. 3:** "Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria ... was strengthened; and [it was] encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord" (9:31).

### **3) The Witness to the Extremity of the Earth (9:32–28:31)**

**Progress report no. 4:** The persecution of the church at Jerusalem (12:1–24) "But the Word of God continued to increase and spread" (12:24).

**Progress report no. 5:** "So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers" (16:5).

**Progress report no. 6:** "In this way the Word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power" (19:20).

**Progress report no. 7: The captivity at Rome (chaps. 27–28)** "Paul ... welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ" (28:30–31).

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