

ACTS

Shaped by
the Spirit
Shaped for
Mission

Everyone
Everyday
Different
Ways



The Book of Acts is the story of the beginning of the Church.

The story begins with the disciples receiving the promised Holy Spirit, who binds them together in unity and empowers them to be witnesses to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. They preach the message of reconciliation to God with power, and their message is accompanied by amazing signs as the Holy Spirit is at work restoring sight to the blind, making the lame walk and transforming hearts and minds.

It didn't take long for this movement of Jesus followers to gain the attention of the Jewish and Roman leaders and for persecution against them to begin.

This persecution served only to strengthen their faith and to spread the gospel beyond Judea into Samaria and the surrounding nations. Some of these were believers not just from Jewish backgrounds, but from a range of Gentile backgrounds as well. This brought great blessing to the church, and expanded their vision to see Jesus as Saviour to all people.

Acts is the story of a people shaped by the Spirit to be witnesses to the good news of Jesus. We pray that this would be our story as well.

Each week, we would encourage you to follow through the sermon topics. As you do so, reflect on these questions:

- How is the Holy Spirit at work in the passage preached?
- What are the outcomes of the Spirit's work?
- In what ways are the disciples responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- What attitude do you see in the disciples?
- What will be my response to this passage?

And for those in small groups, share with each other:

- What is one thing that the Spirit been showing me through the Word this week? What was my response?
- Were there any opportunities to share the love and truth of Christ in your sent place?
- Pray together for one or two people in your sent place who don't yet know Christ.

The topics are:

11 February	The coming of the Holy Spirit
18 February	The Spirit births the Church
25 February	The faith to ask and the courage to speak
4 March	Acts Unpacked - The faith that Jesus looks for
11 March	Serving the needs of others
18 March	Acts Unpacked - The need for courageous, Spirit-filled leadership
25 March	Palm Sunday
1 April	Resurrection Sunday
8 April	Standing firm in persecution
15 April	Acts Unpacked - Persecution today & modern martyrs (Open Doors)
22 April	The power of the Holy Spirit to confront evil
29 April	Listening and being led by the Spirit
6 May	Coming to life by the Spirit: spiritually and physically
13 May	Acts Unpacked - The supernatural in a cynical secular society
20 May	The Spirit moving in every tribe and nation
27 May	The clash of kingdoms
3 June	Acts Unpacked - Living in a post-Christian nation
10 June	Set apart by the Spirit for mission
17 June	By the Spirit, walls that once divided are broken down
24 June	The Church from every tribe and nation



And we would encourage you to follow these readings in the week following each sermon:

11 February

John 15:18-27
John 16:1-15
Luke 24:13-35
Luke 24: 36-53
Acts 1:1-11
Acts 1:12-26

18 February

Ezekiel 36:16-32
Jeremiah 31:31-37
Acts 2:1-13
Acts 2:14-36
Acts 2:37-42
Acts 2:43-47

25 February

Matthew 28:16-20
Acts 3:1-10
Acts 3:11-26
Acts 4:11-12
Acts 4:13-22
Acts 4:23-31

4 March

Matthew 8:1-13
Matthew 8:23-34
Matthew 9:1-7
Matthew 9:18-25
Matthew 13:54-58
Matthew 17:14-20

11 March

Acts 4:32-37
Acts 5:1-11
Acts 5:12-16
Acts 5:17-26
Acts 5:27-42
Acts 6:1-7

18 March

1 Corinthians 2:1-8
2 Corinthians 11:16-33
Ephesians 4:1-16
1 Timothy 3:1-13
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Acts 20:17-38

25 March

Matthew 20:1-16
Matthew 20:17-28
Matthew 20:29-34
Matthew 21:1-11
Matthew 21:12-17
Matthew 21:18-32

1 April

Matthew 26:1-25
Matthew 26:36-56
Matthew 26:57-68
Matthew 27:1-14
Matthew 27:24-61
Matthew 27:62 - 28:15

8 April

Acts 6:8-15
Acts 7:1-8
Acts 7:9-22
Acts 7:23-34
Acts 7:35-53
Acts 7:54 - 8:3

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15 April

Matthew 10:5-25
Matthew 13:44-58
Matthew 16:21-28
Acts 21:27-36
Philippians 1:12-26
Philippians 1:27 – 2:11

22 April

Mark 5:1-20
Mark 9:14-29
Matthew 12:22-32
Acts 8:4-13
Acts 8:14-25

29 April

Romans 5:1-11
Romans 8:1-17
Romans 8:18-30
Ephesians 5:16-26
Acts 8:26-40
Acts 18:1-11

6 May

Acts 9:1-9
Acts 9:10-22
Acts 9:23-31
Acts 9:32-35
Acts 9:36-50
Acts 20:1-12

13 May

Acts 10:1-16
Acts 10:17-33
Acts 10:34-43
Acts 10:44-48
Acts 11:1-18
Acts 11:19-30

20 May

Acts 12:1-10
Acts 12:11-17
Acts 12:18-25
Romans 12:9-21
Romans 13:1-10
Philippians 2:12-18

27 May

1 Corinthians
10:23 – 11:1
Philippians 3:7-16
Philippians 3:17 – 4:1
Colossians 2:6-23
Colossians 3:1-17
Titus 2:11 – 3:11

3 June

Acts 13:1-12
Acts 13:13-25
Acts 13:26-41
Acts 13:42-52
Acts 14:1-18
Acts 14:19-28

10 June

Acts 15:1-11
Acts 15:12-21
Acts 15:22-35
Acts 15:36 – 16:5
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Ephesians 2:11-22

17 June

Romans 3:19-31
Romans 10:5-15
Galatians 3:23 – 47
1 Peter 2:1-10
Revelation 1:9-20
Revelation 5:1-14

