

# ACTIONS OF THE APOSTLES

## The Faith of the Early Disciples

The book of Acts shows the beginning of God's church and the rapid spread of the Gospel into the four corners of the planet. The book of Acts is often considered the bridge between the Gospels and the Epistles. In Acts we find example after example of lives being changed by the powerful message that was preached. Acts shows us great illustrations of faith, conviction and courage. This quarter we will trace the Actions of the Apostles. This study will focus upon the first twelve chapters of Acts. Each week we will uncover wonderful lessons about those first Christians. This study ought to be a help for us.

### Quick Overview

A. Acts was written by Luke and is considered Volume two of his writings

- The Gospel of Luke & Acts comprise 30% of the N.T.

- Luke often puts himself in historical account

- Luke includes numerous names and places that could be verified

B. There are two running outlines in Acts:

- It follows the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria into all the world (1:8)

- It follows Peter (ch 1-12)
- It follows Paul (13-28)

1. One of the key words in Acts is: witness (used 29x)

- The Greek word, martus where we get our word "martyr"

2. Acts is written with an apologetic tone

The writings of John: 33,719 words

The writings of Paul: 33,831 words

The writings of Luke: 49,869 words



### A. The Promises of God (1:1-11)

- this is the last time Jesus is seen physically on earth

There are at least three other times Jesus appeared.

Can you name them?

- There are Two Promises:

- (1) The promise of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit
- (2) The Promise of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_

### B. The Appointing of a new apostle (1:12-26)

#### Descriptive Faith of Those Early Disciples

1. They believed in the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ (3)
2. They believed in \_\_\_\_\_ other (12-14)
3. They believed in \_\_\_\_\_ (15)
4. They believed in God's \_\_\_\_\_ (16-23)

