

An aerial photograph showing a dirt road that curves through a field of tall, dry grass and brush. The road is light brown and contrasts with the green and yellowish-brown vegetation. The perspective is from above, looking down at the road as it winds away from the viewer.

The Book of Acts

“You shall receive power when
the Holy Spirit has come upon
you” (Acts 1:8)

An aerial photograph of a winding dirt road through a lush green field. The road curves from the top left towards the bottom right, disappearing into the distance. The surrounding vegetation is dense and vibrant green.

What do you know about the book of Acts?

- Where?
- Who?
- When?
- What?

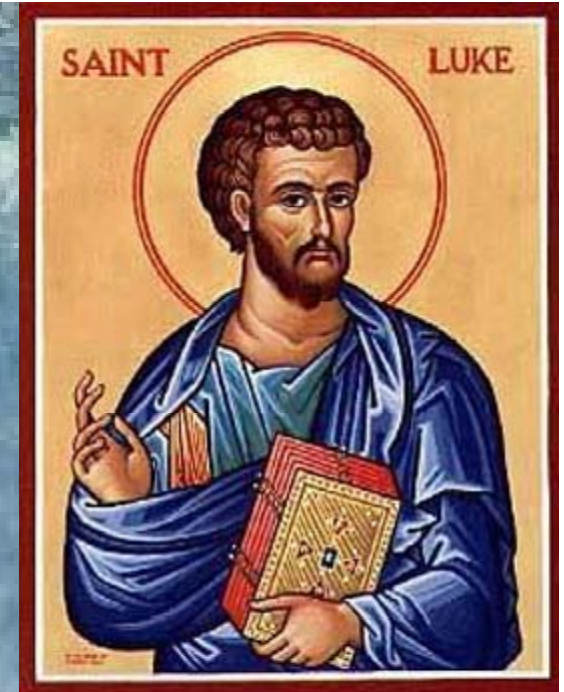


Where is the book of Acts in the Bible?

- It's the 5th book in the New Testament, after the 4 Gospels.
- It represents the seal of the historical books in the New Testament.
- It documents the First church starting at the Ascension of Christ to the 2nd year of St. Paul's imprisonment in Rome -> 30 yrs in 28 chapters.
- Title: The book of Acts not the book of the Acts.

The Author

- St. Luke
- The Gospel according to St. Luke and the book of Acts are both addressed to the same person Theophilus.
- Similar in language, style and concepts.
- Written in Greek language – educated/physician.
- Acts 1:1 *“The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach”*
- St. Luke used the personal pronouns of a first person in the plural case in all forms (we, our ,us,...etc.)



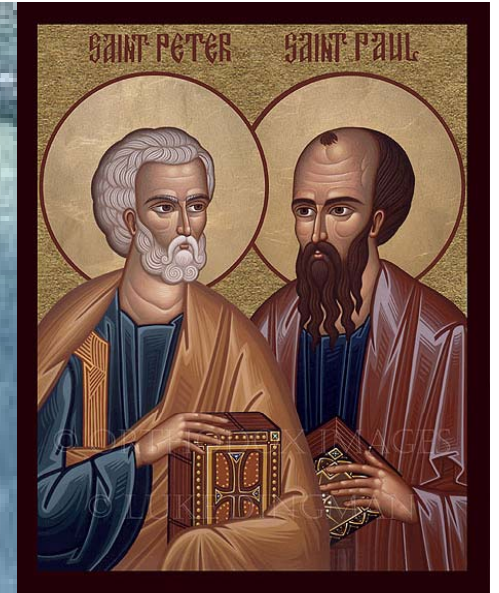
When was it written?

- It was mostly believed that it was completed towards the end of the two years of the first imprisonment of St. Paul in Rome ~ 63 AD.



What is it about?

- The book can be divided into two main parts
 - A First Part: The Jewish accepting Christianity (Chapter 1 – Chapter 12)
 - The main character in this part is “Peter the Apostle of circumcision”
 - A Second Part: The Gentiles accepting Christianity (Chapter 13 – Chapter 28)
 - The main character in this part is “Paul the Apostle of Gentiles”



So what?

- Why are we learning about the book of Acts?
- Is it just for history or knowledge?
- How does any of this apply to me?



Challenge

- Read the book of Acts
- How did the church grow?
- What kind of tribulations faced the first church?
- Does our church now face the same tribulation?
- Can you help the growth of the church? How?

