

The Book of Acts

THE _____

Written by _____

_____ **Main Characters**

Acts is a _____ for the work the Church in mission to the world.

Main purposes of the book ¹

To present a _____

The significance of Acts as a historical account of Christian origins cannot be overestimated. It tells of the founding of the church, the spread of the gospel, the beginnings of congregations, and evangelistic efforts in the apostolic pattern.

To Give a _____

One finds embedded in Acts a record of Christian defenses made to both Jews and Gentiles, with the underlying purpose of conversion. It shows how the early church coped with pagan and Jewish thought, the Roman government and Hellenistic society.

To provide a _____

Luke had no way of knowing how long the church would continue of this earth, but as long as it pursues its course, the book of Acts will be one of its major guides.

_____ ¹ NIV Study Bible, *Introduction to Acts*

To depict the _____ of Christianity in the face of bitter _____

The success of the Church in carrying the gospel from Jerusalem to Rome and in planting local churches across the Roman empire demonstrated that Christianity was not a merely human work. It triumphed under the rule of the exalted Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Transition to the Second Act : Acts 1:1-11

Brief overview of the History

Acts 1-6 : The Church in Jerusalem

Acts 7-12 : Conflict leads to New Opportunity

Acts 13-21:26 : The expansion of the church

Acts 21:27-28 : Paul's journey to Rome

Acts 10