

Acts

Part One: Peter

Post-Resurrection Appearances

1:1

- Art Thou at this time restoring the kingdom to Israel? (1:6)
- Not yours to know times or eras (1:7)
- You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea & Samaria ... as far as the limits of the earth (1:8)

Judas Replaced

1:15

- To become a witness of His resurrection together with us (1:22)
- They chose only one to replace Judas ... retaining their number at Twelve

Pentecost

2:1

- "In Jerusalem, Jews, pious men from every nation" (2:5)
- "Men, **Israelites!** Hear these words..." (2:22)
- "Let all the **house of Israel** know ... that God makes Him Lord as well as Christ (2:36)
- "Repent and be baptized ... in the name of Jesus Christ ... for the pardon of your sins" (2:38)
- **About 3000 souls added in that day (2:41)**

Healing

3:1

- [Signs and wonders accompany the kingdom evangel, as in Matthew]

Peter's speech

3:11

- "Men! **Israelites!**" (3:11)
- "Repent, then, and turn about for the erasure of your sins,
- So that seasons of refreshing should be coming from the face of the Lord
- And He should dispatch the One fixed upon before for you, Christ Jesus
- Whom heaven must indeed receive until the times of restoration of all
- **To you first** God commissions Him to bless you by turning you from your wickedness (3:26)
- [Much like, "Repent the kingdom is near"]
- **Many hear and believe ... the number of men became about 5000 (4:4)**
- "Let it be known to you and to **the entire people of srael**" (4:10)

The crucifixion designated by God

4:27

- Herod and Pontius Pilate, together with the nations and the peoples of Israel ... do whatever Thy hand and Thy counsel designates beforehand to occur

Miraculous events

5:1

- Immediate judgment on Ananias & Sapphira ... death (5:1)
- Many signs and miracles through the hands of the apostles (5:12)

Before the Sanhedrin

5:27

- The God of our fathers rouses Jesus on Whom you lay hands, hanging Him on a pole (5:30)
 - God exalts to His right hand, to give repentance **to Israel** and the pardon of sins (5:31)
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Dissension & Persecution

6:1

- Dissension arises between the Hellenists & Hebrews within the ecclesia (6)
- Stephen is stoned (7)
- Great persecution in Jerusalem ... dispersion in Judea & Samaria (8)
- The dispersed “evangelize” with the word (8:4)
- Philip brings “**the evangel concerning the kingdom of God** and the name of Jesus Christ” (8:12)

Saul’s Conversion

9:1

- A choice instrument of Mine, to bear my name before both the nations and kings, besides the sons of Israel (9:15)
- Immediately, in the synagogues, he heralded Jesus, that He is the Son of God (9:20)

The ecclesia enjoys peace

9:31

- The ecclesia in all of Judea, Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified... (9:31)
- **Their number “multiplied” (9:31)**
- Paralytic healed ... Tabitha raised from the dead (9:36)

Cornelius

10:1

- “Devout and fearing God ... doing many alms to the people and beseeching God continually”
- Peter: “Of a truth I am grasping that God is not partial, but in every nation he who is fearing Him and acting righteously is acceptable to Him” (10:35)

Continuing to go to Jews only

11:19

- Speaking the word to no one except **to Jews only** (11:19)

Major persecution

12:1

- James, brother of John, is assassinated by Herod (12:1)
- Peter arrested and jailed (12:3)
- Peter miraculously released by a messenger (12:5)
- A messenger of the Lord kills Herod (12:20)

Growth

12:24

- The word of God grows and was multiplied (12:24)
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Part Two: Paul

Saul and Barnabus “severed”

13:1

- “Sever, by all means, to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them” (13:2)

Elymas is blinded “until” the appointed time

13:6

- Elymas (a Jew) kept Sergius Paul from hearing the word of God (13:8)
- “Saul, who is also called Paul...” (13:9)
- “Will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?” (13:11)
- You shall be blind ... until the appointed time (13:11)
- [See Romans 11:25]
- John, departing from them, returns to Jerusalem (13:14)

Proclaiming pardon & justification to the Jews

13:14

- Paul addresses the Jews in the synagogue at Antioch, Pisidia (13:14)
- “To us (Jews and those among you fearing God) was the word of salvation given” (13:26)
- “Through this One is being announced to you the pardon of sins, and from all from which you could not be justified in the law of Moses ... everyone believing is being justified” (13:38)

Turning to the nations

13:42

- Paul is invited back, but the Jews oppose him on the coming sabbath (13:42)
- “To you first was it necessary that the word of God be spoken.” (13:46)
- “Yet, since, in fact, you are thrusting it away, and are judging yourselves not worthy of eonian life, lo! we are turning to the nations.” (13:47)
- “For thus the Lord has directed us: I have appointed Thee for a light of the nations” (13:47)
- On hearing this the nations rejoiced ... and they believe, “whoever were set” for life eonian (13:48)

In the synagogue in Iconium

14:1

- A vast multitude of both Jews & Greeks believe (14:1)
- The stubborn Jews provoke the nations against them (14:2)
- Signs and miracles accompany the word (14:3)
- The city is divided ... Paul is forced to flee (14:4)

Judaizers promote circumcision

15:1

- Teaching that circumcision is necessary for salvation (15:1)
 - Paul & Barnabas go to Jerusalem concerning this question (15:2)
 - [Paul went to Jerusalem “in accord with a revelation” – Galatians 2:2]
 - Some from the sect of Pharisees insist they must be circumcised and keep the law (15:5)
 - Peter: “Why are you trying to place a yoke on them which neither our fathers nor we are strong enough to bear?” (15:10)
 - “Through the grace of the Lord Jesus are we believing, to be saved in a manner even as they” (15:11)
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Lydia's heart was opened **16:14**

- Paul spoke, and Lydia heard ... "whose heart the Lord opens up to heed what is spoken by Paul" (16:14)

Paul & Silas in jail **16:22**

- An earthquake opens the doors and releases the bonds (16:26)
- To the jailer: "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household" (16:31)

In the synagogue at Thessalonica **17:1**

- As was Paul's custom, he entered the synagogue and on three sabbaths he argues with them from the scriptures ... "This One is the Christ" (17:2)
- Some persuaded ... a multitude of the reverent Greeks and a number of foremost women (17:4)
- The Jews are jealous and force Paul out of Thessalonica (17:5)

In the synagogue at Berea **17:10**

- Received the word in eagerness, examining the scriptures to see if it is so (17:11)
- Jews from Thessalonica come and force Paul out of Berea (17:13)

Athens (The Areopagus) **17:15**

- To Whom you are ignorantly devout, this One I am announcing to you (17:24)
- "Condoning times of ignorance, God is now charging mankind everywhere to repent, as He assigns a day to be judging the inhabited earth in righteousness..." (17:30)

Corinth **18:1**

- Argued in the synagogue every sabbath ... certifying to the Jews that Jesus is the Christ (18:4)
- At their resisting ... "From now on I shall go to the nations" (18:6)

Apollos is corrected **18:24**

- Versed only in the baptism of John (18:25)
- Priscilla & Aquila expounded the way of God to him more accurately (18:26)

Ephesus **19:1**

- Paul spoke boldly in the synagogue for three months (19:8)
- Powerful deeds God did thru Paul (19:11)

Calling the elders of the ecclesia in Ephesus **20:17**

- "I did not shrink from informing you of anything that was expedient" (20:20)
 - "Certifying to Jews & Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord" (20:21)
 - "My dispensation: To certify the evangel of the grace of God" (20:24)
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Jerusalem

21:15

- Opposed by “tens of thousands among the Jews who have believed, and are inherently zealous for the law” (21:20)
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Paul’s arrest and trials

21:27

- Paul is arrested (21:27)
 - Paul addresses the Sanhedrin (23:1)
 - Hearing before Felix (24:1)
 - Hearing before Festus (25:6)
 - Hearing before King Agrippa (25:23)
 - Paul describes his commission: “To open their eyes, to turn them about from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, for them to get a pardon of sins and an allotment among those who have been hallowed by faith that is in Me.” (26:18)
 - “I reported that they are to be repenting and turning back to God, engaging in acts worthy of repentance” (26:20)
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The trip to Rome

27:1

- Shipwrecked at Melita (28:1)
 - Paul permitted to remain by himself together with the soldier who guarded him (28:16)
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Paul calls for the foremost of the Jews

28:17

- “Because of the expectation of Israel this chain is lying about me” (28:20)
 - Setting a day, more came to him ... to whom he expounded, certifying the kingdom of God, besides persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and the prophets from morning till dusk (28:23)
 - Some believed ... others disbelieved ... disagreements ensued (28:25)
 - “Let it be known to you, then, that to the nations was dispatched this salvation of God, and they will hear” (28:28) – Paul here quoted from Isaiah 6:9,10 just as Jesus did in Matthew 13:14 as the kingdom evangel was opposed and He began to speak only using parables.
 - Paul remained in Rome for two years, heralding the kingdom of God, and teaching that which concerns the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, unforbidden. (28:30)
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