

An Overview of the Book of Acts

A timeline:

- Jesus crucified, Pentecost, and the church begins. A.D. 30
 - Stephen martyred, & Paul's conversion. A.D. 35
 - James martyred & Peter imprisoned. A.D. 44
 - Paul's first missionary journey. A.D. 46-48
 - Jerusalem council. A.D. 50
 - Paul's second missionary journey. A.D. 50-52
 - Paul's third missionary journey. A.D. 53-57
 - Nero becomes emperor. A.D. 54
 - Paul imprisoned in Caesarea. A.D. 57-59
 - Paul's journey to Rome. A.D. 59
 - Paul martyred. A.D. 67?
 - Rome destroys Jerusalem. A.D. 70
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Purpose of Acts

To give an accurate account of the birth and growth of the Christian church.

Key people in Acts.

Peter, John, James, Stephen, Philip, Paul, Barnabas, Cornelius, James (Jesus' brother), Timothy, Lydia, Silas, Titus, Apollos, Agabus, Ananias, Felix, Festus, Agrippa, & Luke.

The Blueprint for Acts.

Peter's ministry: (1–12:55)

Establishment and expansion of the church.

Paul's ministry: (13:1–28:31)

Paul's missionary journeys.

Themes

The Church, the Holy Spirit, Church growth, Witnessing, & Opposition.