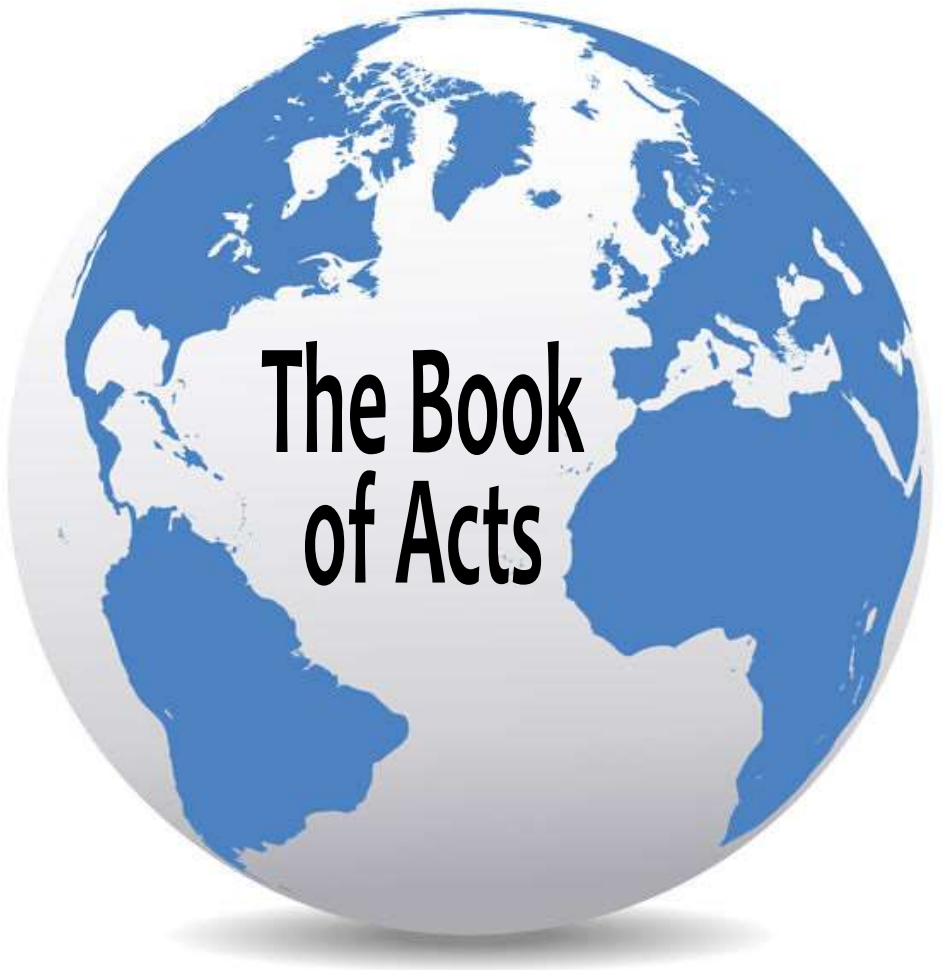


# Let's Worship God

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## Monday - Acts 1:1-6 - The Exalted Saviour

We are now going to be looking at the book of Acts using notes written by Rev. David Silversides.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Luke had written the 'Gospel of Luke'. This was his first volume. The book of Acts is his second work. The first tells us of what 'Jesus began both to do and to teach' until His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and this book tells us what He continued to do and to teach from the Father's right hand by the Holy Spirit; what our exalted Saviour was doing in the early part of the New Testament age of the Church. It tells us of how He replaced Judas among the twelve, of His outpouring of the Holy Spirit and showing by this sending of 'another Comforter' that He had not left His disciples, but was with them still (John 7:39,14:16-18; Acts 22:33). Our Lord Jesus was fulfilling His promise to build His church by enabling His Apostles to preach boldly and by adding elect sinners to the church through His Spirit opening their hearts to receive the Gospel preached to them (Acts 2:47; 16:14). The more we grasp what we have in Christ, if we are true Christians, the more content we will be. "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee" (Hebrews 13:5).

## Questions

1. Do we live as those who, by faith, believe that we have an Almighty Saviour at God's right hand "Whom having not seen, ye love" (1 Peter 1:8)? Is He our exceeding joy?
2. Do we convey the truth that it is a blessed thing to belong to Him, to be redeemed by Him and to serve Him ungrudgingly as the most glorious, loving and gracious of masters?

## Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for what you have in Christ.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

**Praise: Psalm 110:1-4 - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**



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## Tuesday - Acts 1:9-14 - The King

Having demonstrated His resurrection by His appearances, Christ was formally ascended showing He is the reigning Messiah. The mention of a cloud is significant, demonstrating He was the fulfilment of Daniel 7:13-14 (see also Mark 13:26 & 14:62). He is the complete Redeemer and controls all things for the good of His church. And He will come back (v.11) visibly and triumphantly as He went, though now very publically. "Every eye shall see him" (Revelation 1:7 compare 2 Thessalonians 1:4-10; 1 Corinthians 15:52). This is no "secret rapture". "We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ" (Romans 14:10).

Our lives, by profession, are lives in the Kingdom of grace, lives of those who willingly submit to King Jesus through the Gospel, until He comes to vindicate His kingship in judgement. How zealous we should be for the honour of His name in our individual lives, our homes and families, the church and nation!

### Questions

1. Though He has no need of us, He is pleased to call us His co-workers; with what eagerness ought we to serve this King?
2. Are we living epistles, known and read of all men, that we belong to Christ?

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that we would serve Christ the King with eagerness
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

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## Wednesday - Acts 1:15-26 - The Unfrustratable King

Christ never trusted Judas because He knew who was to betray Him. When Psalm 41:9 is referred to in John 13:18, the words "in whom I trusted" are not applied. David may have been deceived by Ahithophel, but Christ was never deceived by Judas Iscariot. But Judas didn't find Jesus to be the kind of Messiah he wanted, one who would vindicate Israel as righteous and conquer their enemies. Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance. So Judas' resentment grew and when he had done Satan's work, he despaired and committed suicide. Judas is a reminder that the Lord looks on the heart, and the Lord is never fooled (Psalm 1:5). Still, a replacement was needed.

Christ, the king, was caring for His church. Psalm 109:8 must be fulfilled. Christ's required qualifications were given (vs.21-22) and appeal was made to Him (v.24). They cast lots because Scripture was not yet complete, and the Lord used such extraordinary means to reveal His will, but the scaffolding is not needed once the building is complete. The Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ, was glorified as it should be with the appointment of office-bearers now, even when we don't have Apostles.

### Questions

1. Do we approach the Lord as the Searcher of hearts?
2. Do we believe Christ is to be honoured in the way the church is governed? The early Covenanters did and were willing to suffer for doing so.

### Prayer Points

1. Pray that the Lord would raise up men to be ministers and elders in His Church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

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## Thursday - Acts 2:1-23 - The Last Days

Are we in the Last Days? Of course we are! Phrases like "the Last Days" in the Bible are used of the whole period between the first coming of Christ to save sinners, until He returns a second time to judgement (1 Corinthians 10:11; Hebrews 1:1-2; 1 John 2:18). A feature of these last days is given in v. 17- the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy, that the Holy Spirit would be poured out. This refers to a specific promise, and He came on them all (vs. 3-4). It was a special gift to the whole church (later to be repeated on the Samaritan believers and the Gentiles).

The tongues spoken, which were recognizable languages (v.6), demonstrated that the church was now to be international. In fact, the Book of Acts is all about what is new in the church of the New Testament age. Everything else not changed or cancelled in the Old Testament Church simply continues. This is like the Church's adolescence from childhood to adulthood.

It took place "when the day of Pentecost was fully come" (v.1) according to promise and was not an individual "second blessing" experience (John 7:39; 1 Corinthians 12:13). It does mean that the Church of the New Testament is pre-eminently the age of the Holy Spirit's outpouring in greater measure. The confusion of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9) was a judgement whereas Pentecost is a blessing.

### Questions

1. What are the differences between the day of Pentecost and today?
2. Should we be more zealous for the Lord than the Old Testament saints, given our greater privileges?

### Prayer Points

1. Give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out on the Church.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### Memory Verse

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

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## Friday - Acts 2:24-40 - That Same Jesus

We have learnt that the church was now generally to have "fuller communications of the free Spirit of God, than believers under the law did ordinarily partake of" (Westminster Confession 20:1).

But the Saviour who sent forth the Holy Spirit and added three thousand souls to the church was "that same Jesus" (v. 36) who was crucified. All power in heaven and earth is His. The Triune Jehovah has committed the demonstration of His covenant faithfulness and authority to the Second Person of the Godhead who had become a man in order to fulfil all righteousness and bear the wrath of God for His people. He is now exalted, as the God-man Redeemer. He brings many sinners into subjection by the Gospel of saving grace. At the end, He will subdue all others in judgment. Nevertheless, it is "that same Jesus" who now reigns.

There are lessons for us here. We have a sympathetic High Priest. As God, He knows all. In His human nature, He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin and "is able to succour them that are tempted" (Heb.4:15, 2:18).

We also learn how we need to see our sin in order to see our need of Christ, the Saviour of sinners. Peter is extremely direct - "whom ye crucified"! It was this that the Holy Spirit used to cause them to say, "what shall we do?" (v.37). Conviction of sin is necessary if sinners are to see their need of Christ the Saviour of sinners who said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Mat.11:28).

## Questions

1. Have we seen our sin and need of Him?
2. Have we the boldness of verse 36?

## Prayer Points

1. Pray for the salvation of family and friends.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

## Memory Verse

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

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## **Saturday - Acts 2:37-47 - Life in the Kingdom**

Peter preaches historical facts of Jesus' suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. He did not preach them as mere symbols with no basis in reality as many liberal clergy sadly do. He also declares what men are to do in response - repent - turn around - and believe the Gospel.

Though their faith was to be put in Christ to save them from their guilt before God, their lives were changed and it showed (v.42). They loved Apostolic doctrine because they could see Christ whom they loved more clearly. "Since He looked upon me, my heart is not my own, He ran away to Heaven with it" (Samuel Rutherford). They loved the fellowship of the Lord's people - what those who are "new creatures in Christ" have in common. They remembered the Saviour's death in the Lord's Supper, as they sought communion with the living Saviour. They joined with the apostles in prayer.

It also changed their attitude to material things (vs. 44-45). There was no enforced communism, and the rights of individual ownership were still freely acknowledged as we find in chapter 5 later. But the needs of the poor in Jerusalem were great and among the Christians was a willingness to help as much as possible. Those who have begun to love Christ don't love money as perhaps they once did.

### **Questions**

1. Are we like the rich young ruler in Mark 10:22?
2. Who produces real converts like this? (v. 47)

### **Prayer Points**

1. Pray for the preaching and hearing of God's Word tomorrow.
2. Use prayer points from your congregation.
3. Pray for family matters.

### **Memory Verse**

"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8b

**Praise: Psalm 119: Part 8A - See [www.rpglobalalliance.org](http://www.rpglobalalliance.org) for Psalm tune helps.**

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Ezra read from  
the book of the Law  
day after day  
and that  
the people of God  
were filled with joy!**

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