

The Acts of the Apostles

Lesson 20: A Summary of the Book

The Book of Acts is presented in 3 parts,
as described in Acts 1:8.



Acts 1:8: But ye shall receive power,
after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:
and ye shall be witnesses unto me



both in Jerusalem,



both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judaea, and in Samaria,



both in Jerusalem,
and in all Judaea, and in Samaria,
and unto the uttermost part of the earth.



In Jerusalem

Chapters 1 to 7

The 11 apostles receive their instruction from Christ and watch his ascension.



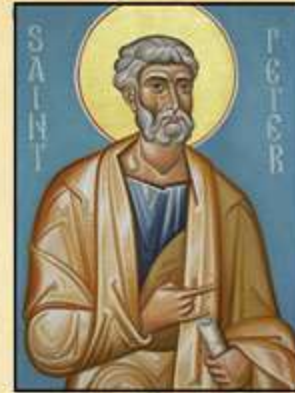
Matthias is selected to replace Judas Iscariot as the 12th apostle.



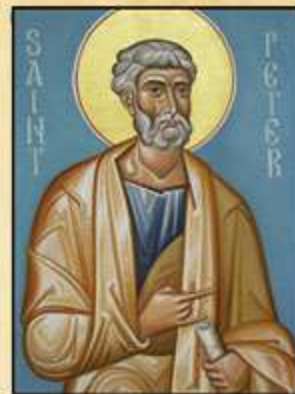
The Day of Pentecost arrives.



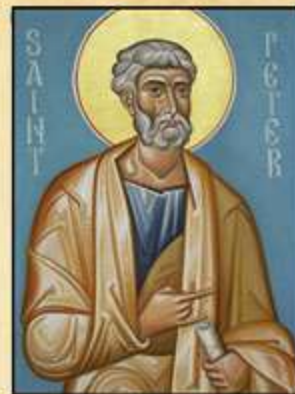
Peter gives his first recorded sermon.



Peter and John heal a lame man at the temple gate called Beautiful.



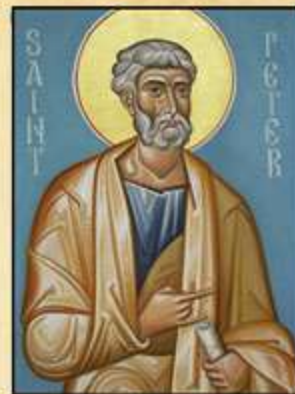
Peter and John are arrested and threatened by the Jewish council.



Ananias and Sapphira die for their deceit.



People are healed in Peter's shadow.



An angel of the Lord frees the apostles from prison.



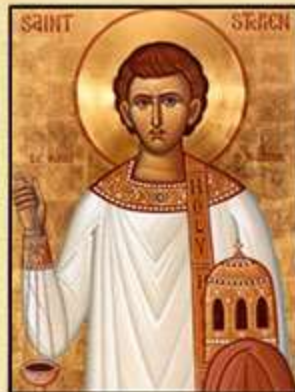
The first deacons are chosen, Greek-speaking Christians from outside Jerusalem.



One of those men, Stephen, is brought in to speak before the high counsel.



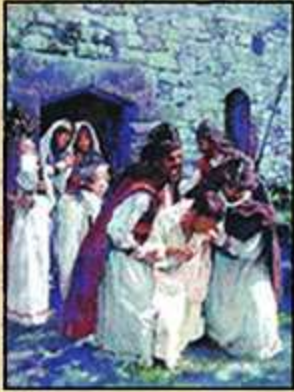
Saul of Tarsus gives his consent when Stephen is martyred.



In Judea and Samaria

Chapters 8 to 11

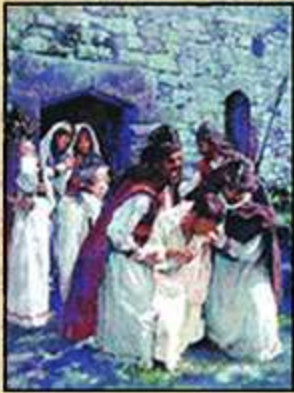
Saul increases his persecution of the Christians.



The believers are scattered beyond Jerusalem into Judaea and Samaria.



Philip brings the gospel to Samaria.



Peter and John confront the sorcerer Simon.



In Gaza, Philip leads an Ethiopian eunuch to Christ.



Christ speaks to Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus.



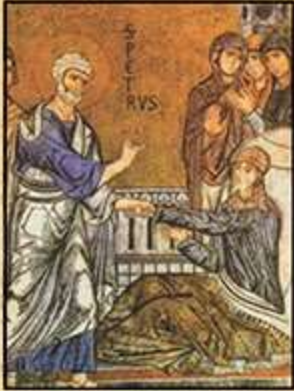
Saul preaches Christ in Damascus and has to flee for his life.



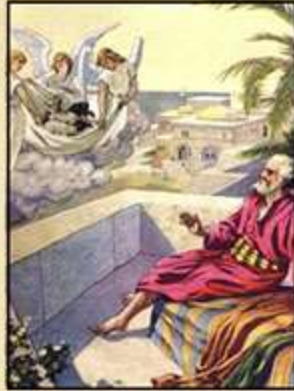
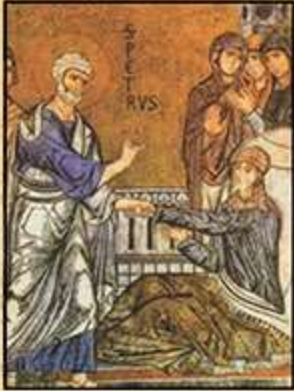
In Jerusalem, Barnabas vouches for Saul before the apostles.



In Joppa, Peter raises Tabitha from the dead.



God shows Peter that the gospel is for all people.



Peter leads the household of Cornelius to Christ, the first Gentile believers.



The elders in Jerusalem acknowledge that the Gentiles can also receive salvation.



To the uttermost parts of the earth

Chapter 12 to 28

In Antioch of Syria, Barnabas and Paul teach the churches.



Barnabas and Paul bring relief for those suffering from famine in Jerusalem.



In Jerusalem, an angel helps Peter escape from prison.



The Holy Spirit sends Barnabas and Paul on their first mission.



In Paphos Paul rebukes a sorcerer and the man goes blind.



In Antioch of Pisidia, the Jews stir up trouble against Paul and Barnabas.



In Lystra, Paul heals a crippled man and the people call him and Barnabas gods.



A council is held in Jerusalem to resolve the problem of the Judaizing Christians.



On Paul's second mission, he sees a vision of a man from Macedonia.



In Philippi, the household of Lydia become the first European converts.



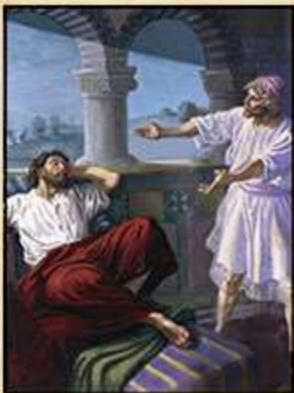
An earthquake frees Paul and Silas from prison, and the prison guard believes.



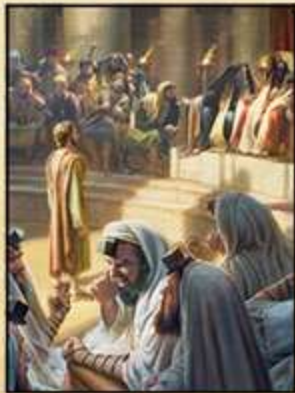
On Paul's third mission, there is a great revival in Ephesus.



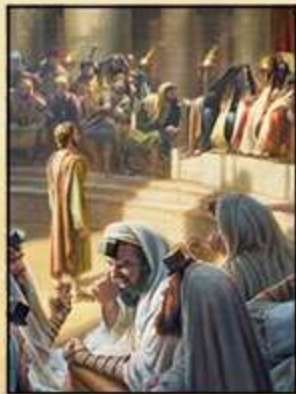
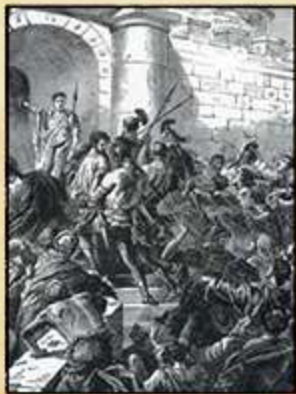
Paul returns to Jerusalem and the soldiers save him from a riot.



A plot against his life is made known and Paul is escorted to Caesarea.



In Caesarea Paul testifies before governors and king Agrippa.



In Rome, he preaches and teaches to Jews and Gentiles from prison.



The book of Acts does not end with Paul's death. It ends with Paul holding forth the word of life. Let us all be remembered for how we lived, not for how we died.

Acts 28:31

Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.



“Unto the uttermost parts of the earth” (Acts 13 to 28)

13 14 15 16 18 19 21 22 28

1
Galatia

Jerusalem
Council

2
Macedonia
Achaia
Greece

3
Asia

Trials

1
Rome

Freedom
from Bonds

2
Rome

Church
Expansion

48

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GALATIANS

1
THESSALONIANS

1
CORINTHIANS

2
THESSALONIANS

2
CORINTHIANS

ROMANS

EPHESIANS

1 TIMOTHY

2 TIMOTHY

COLOSSIANS

TITUS

PHILEMON

PHILIPPIANS

Paul put his name on 13 letters that are in the Bible. He wrote six before his first imprisonment, and seven afterwards.

Questions to test your understanding of this lesson:

Your final assignment is to write a one-page essay on some of the things you learned from the Book of Acts.

What parts of the class did you like the most?

Are there parts of the class that you did not like?

Do you think other students at NPTS should take this class?

How will this class help you in your own ministry?

Did you use the lessons WITH sound or WITHOUT sound?

Visit the wtwh.org website VIDEO page to see several videos I made during my mission to Greece in 2001. My friend Todd Pikel (who lives in Thessaloniki, Greece) narrates our journey from Philippi to Corinth.



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