

The Book of Acts

Witnessing to the World



Introduction to Acts

Acts is the second volume by Luke, continuing the Gospel story.

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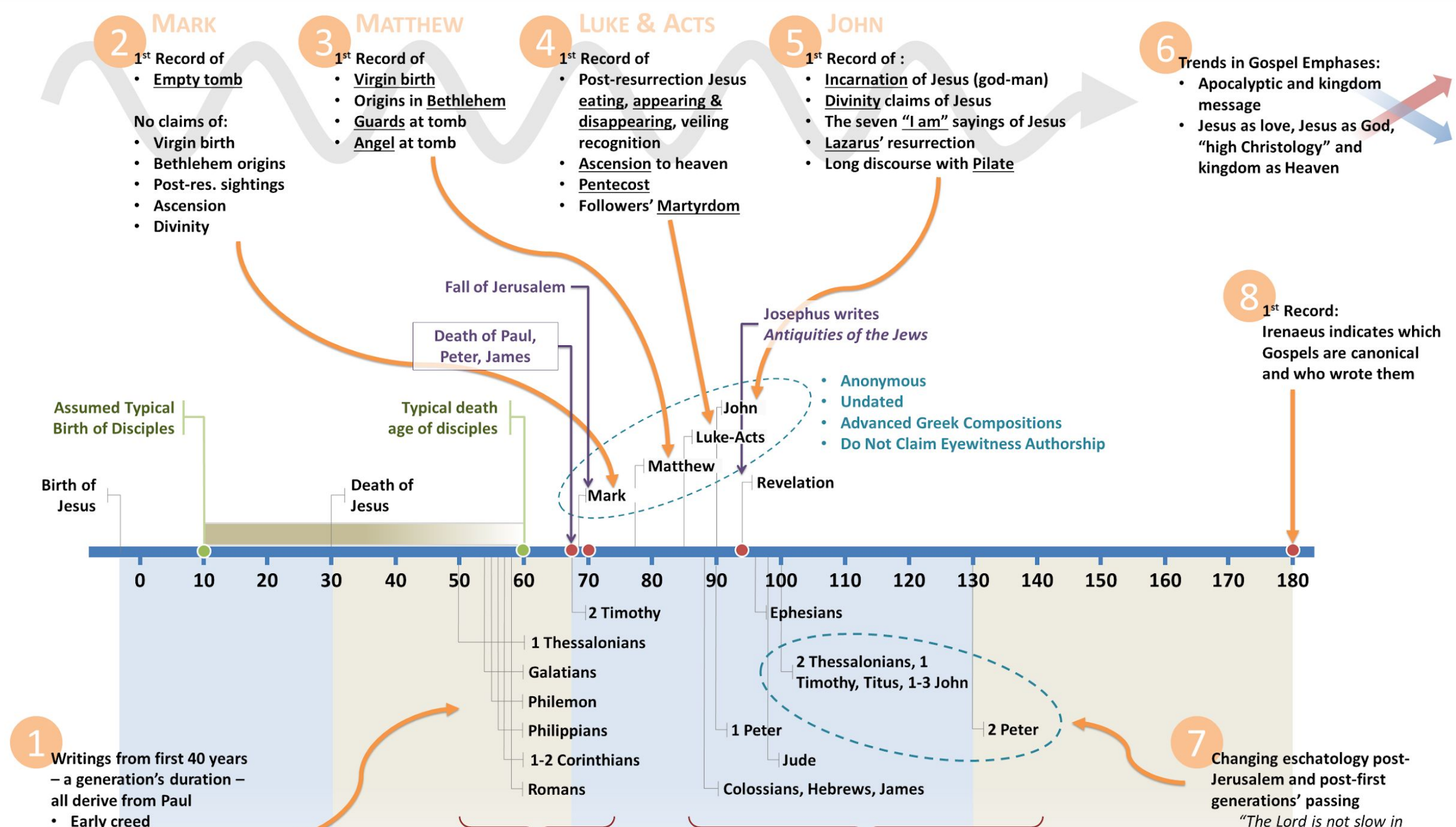
- The spread of the gospel and the work of the Holy Spirit.

Written to Theophilus around AD 60–62, likely in Rome.

Key Verse:

- Acts 1:8 – 'You will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth.'





About the Author: Luke

Luke was a Gentile physician and traveling companion of Paul.

He is also the author of the Gospel of Luke.

Well-educated and skilled in Greek writing and research.

Eyewitness of many Acts events (see 'we' passages).





Purpose and Genre of Acts

- Written to provide a credible historical and theological record of the early Church.
- Genre: Historical narrative with biographies and 23 speeches.
- Purpose: To confirm the truth of the gospel and encourage bold faith.

Structure of Acts: 3 Gospel Zones

Acts follows a geographic and spiritual outline:

- 1. Jerusalem (Ch. 1–8)
- 2. Judea and Samaria (Ch. 8–12)
- 3. Ends of the Earth (Ch. 13–28)

This mirrors Acts 1:8 and the intentional spread of the gospel.



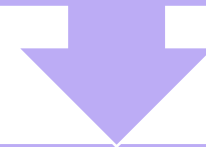


The Birth of the Church at Pentecost

Acts 2: The Holy Spirit is poured out during the Jewish feast of Pentecost.



Peter preaches and 3,000 are saved and baptized.



Believers gather for teaching, fellowship, prayer, and communion.





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Witnessing in Jerusalem

Chapters 1–8 detail
the Church's
explosive growth.

Miracles by Peter,
bold preaching,
and persecution by
religious leaders.

Stephen becomes
the first Christian
martyr (Acts 7).





The Church Expands to Judea & Samaria

- Philip evangelizes Samaria
- Peter has a vision about Gentile inclusion.
 - Saul (Paul) is converted dramatically on the road to Damascus.
- First Gentiles receive the Spirit (Cornelius' household).



Paul's Missionary Journeys

Paul takes
three major
missionary
journeys:

1st Journey (13–14):
Cyprus, Galatia.

2nd Journey (15–18):
Greece and Asia Minor.

3rd Journey (18–21):
Ephesus and Macedonia.







To the Ends of the Earth: Paul's Final Journey

- Paul is arrested, defends the faith before Roman leaders, and appeals to Caesar.
- He survives shipwreck and continues preaching under house arrest in Rome.
- Acts ends without conclusion—gospel work continues today.

Themes: Spirit, Growth, Witness, Prayer

Key Words: Witness (martus), Church (ekklesia), Holy Spirit, Prayer.

Acts is filled with gospel preaching, prayer, miracles, bold evangelism.

The church met in homes, markets, synagogues—anywhere people were.