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A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

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Acts 1:1-14

The spread of Christianity after the resurrection of Jesus can certainly be described as a “movement.” The gospel spread rapidly. The author writes, “the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:44). There was rapid explosion and also rapid expansion of the gospel. The British preacher John R. W. Stott provided a clear description of the book when he suggested the book should be called, “The Continuing Words and Works of Jesus by His Spirit Through the Apostles.”

Today we begin a study through the book of Acts. My desire is that it “will lead us to a greater personal devotion to the Lord Jesus, better understanding of the church and it’s mission, and greater zeal for the cause of Christ” (John Phillips).

Background

Authorship: Luke

Key figures: Peter, Stephen, Paul

The last recorded facts about Jesus in each of the gospels are...

Matthew.....the resurrection
Markthe ascension
Luke.....the promise of the Holy Spirit
John.....the promise of the second coming

Acts 1 brings all four of the gospels together. Some have called Acts the 5th gospel. The book of Acts is primarily descriptive not prescriptive. We see the history of the church in Acts and seek the doctrine of the church in the epistles.

Outline of the book of Acts:

Chapters 1-7Jerusalem
Chapters 8-11:18Judea and Samaria
Chapters 11:19 – 28The uttermost

Key Thought: The rapid expansion of the church and the gospel was a movement ignited by the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

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From Acts 1:1-14 we learn...

- The resurrection changes everything! (verses 1-3)
- The resurrection empowers you (verses 4-8)
- The resurrection emboldens you (verses 9-11)
- The resurrection draws you to seek Him (verses 12-14)