

Book of Acts Study

Men of Grace

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Outline of Acts 1:1 - 11

- I. **Introduction: Jesus Ascends to the Father and gives the mission (1:1-11)**
 - A. Review of Book 1 (Luke's Gospel) to the Ascension (1:1-5).
 - B. Jesus' Ascension and Final Words: A promise and a mission for His disciples now and a promise to return

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Main Idea of Acts 1:1 – 5

Jesus is alive, the promised Holy Spirit is coming and God's plan of salvation is on track.

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Main Idea of 1:6 – 11

Jesus reconstructs the anticipated priorities and calendar of the Jews and the disciples: The restoration of Israel's kingdom is postponed until Jesus returns; the mission of the disciples now is taking the message of salvation to the world.

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Acts the Sequel to Luke

Luke 1:1 – 4

1 Many people have set out to write accounts about the events that have been fulfilled among us. 2 They used the eyewitness reports circulating among us from the early disciples. 3 Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus, 4 so you can be certain of the truth of everything you were taught.

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Acts the Sequel to Luke – con't

Luke 24:36 – 40

36 And just as they were telling about it, Jesus himself was suddenly standing there among them. "Peace be with you," he said. 37 But the whole group was startled and frightened, thinking they were seeing a ghost! 38 "Why are you frightened?" he asked. "Why are your hearts filled with doubt? 39 Look at my hands. Look at my feet. You can see that it's really me. Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost, because ghosts don't have bodies, as you see that I do." 40 As he spoke, he showed them his hands and his feet.

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Acts the Sequel to Luke – con't

Luke 24:41 – 46

41 Still they stood there in disbelief, filled with joy and wonder. Then he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" 42 They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43 and he ate it as they watched. 44 Then he said, "When I was with you before, I told you that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and in the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. 46 And he said, "Yes, it was written long ago that the Messiah would suffer and die and rise from the dead on the third day.

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Acts the Sequel to Luke – con't

Luke 24:47 – 49

47 It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: 'There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.' 48 You are witnesses of all these things. 49 "And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven."

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Acts the Sequel to Luke – con't

Luke 24:50 – 53

50 Then Jesus led them to Bethany, and lifting his hands to heaven, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up to heaven. 52 So they worshiped him and then returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy. 53 And they spent all of their time in the Temple, praising God.

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:21 – 23

21 And give them this message from the Sovereign Lord: I will gather the people of Israel from among the nations. I will bring them home to their own land from the places where they have been scattered. 22 I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. One king will rule them all; no longer will they be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms. 23 They will never again pollute themselves with their idols and vile images and rebellion, for I will save them from their sinful backsliding. I will cleanse them. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God.

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament – con't

Ezekiel 37:24-26

24 "My servant David will be their king, and they will have only one shepherd. They will obey my regulations and be careful to keep my decrees. 25 They will live in the land I gave my servant Jacob, the land where their ancestors lived. They and their children and their grandchildren after them will live there forever, generation after generation. And my servant David will be their prince forever. 26 And I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give them their land and increase their numbers, and I will put my Temple among them forever.

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament – con't

Ezekiel 37:27-28

27 I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 28 And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the Lord, who makes Israel holy."

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament – con't

Isaiah 2: 2-4

2 In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house will be the highest of all—the most important place on earth. It will be raised above the other hills and people from all over the world will stream there to worship. 3 People from many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God. There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths." For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem. 4 The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes. They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament – con't

Amos 9:11-13

11 "In that day I will restore the fallen house of David. I will repair its damaged walls. From the ruins I will rebuild it and restore its former glory. 12 And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine." The Lord has spoken, and he will do these things. 13 "The time will come," says the Lord, "when the grain and grapes will grow faster than they can be harvested. Then the terraced vineyards on the hills of Israel will drip with sweet wine!

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Promise of Kingdom in Old Testament – con't

Amos 9:14 – 15

14 I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine. 15 I will firmly plant them there in their own land. They will never again be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.

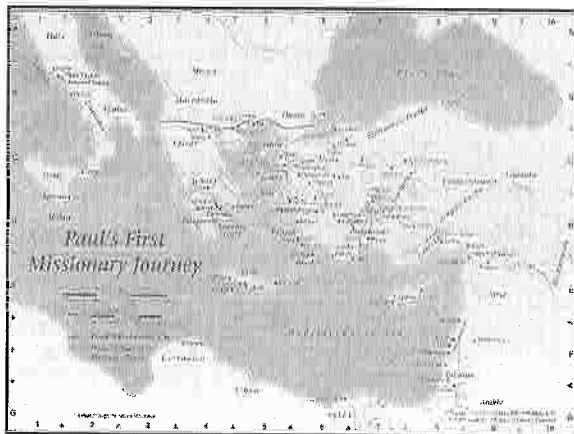
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Promise of Kingdom in Luke

Luke 1:31 – 32

31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

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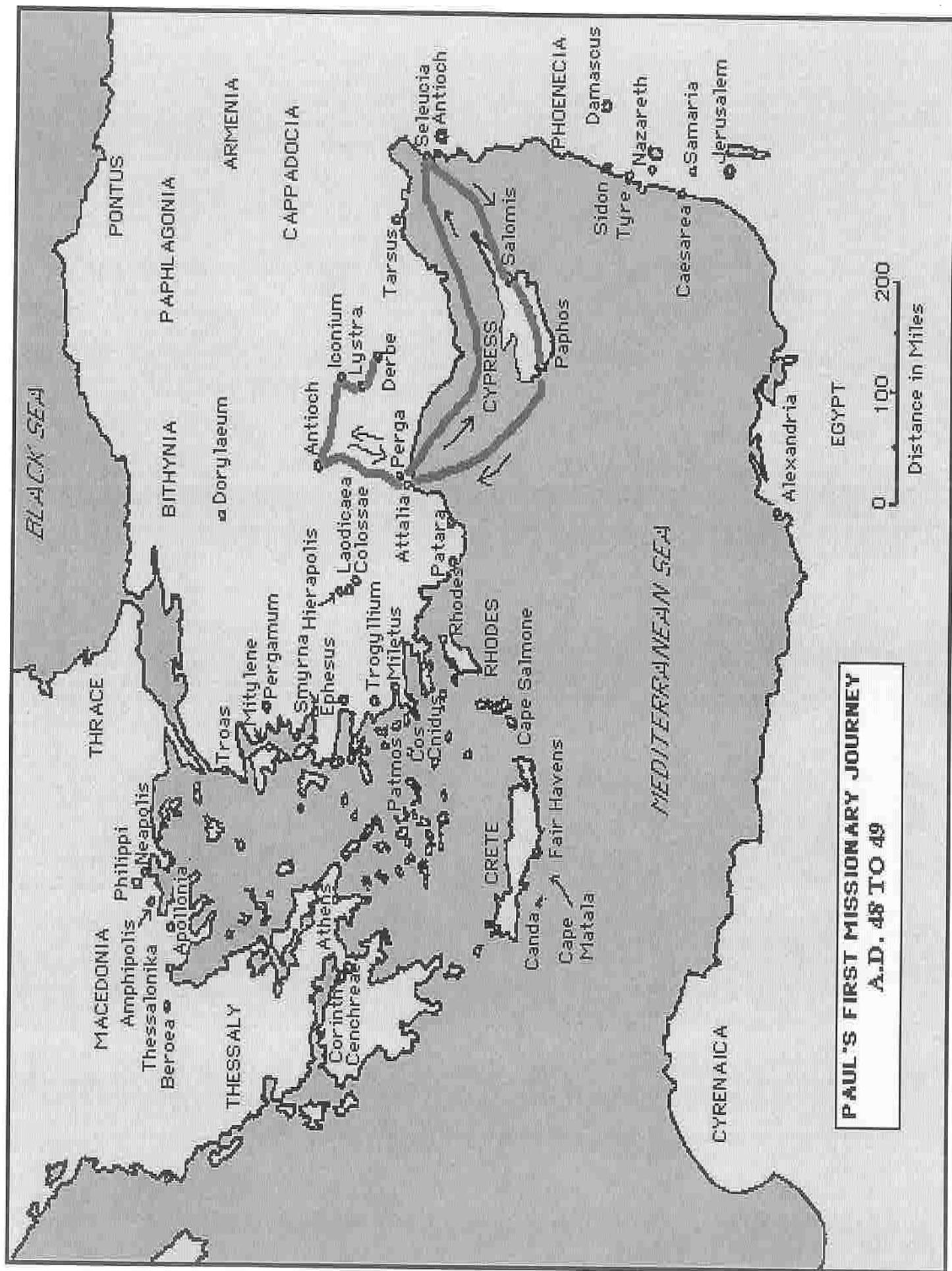


Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the primary mission of the church? (1:8)***
- 2. How are you involved in carrying out that mission?***

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