

## Book of Acts Study

### **Men of Grace**

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Acts 2:41-47

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### Outline of Acts

- I. Introduction: Jesus ascends to the Father and gives a mission (1:1-11)**
  - A. Review of book 1 to the ascension (1:1-5)**
  - B. The ascension and final testament: A promise for thee disciples now and a promise to return (1:6-11)**

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- II. The early church in Jerusalem (1:12-6:7)**
  - A. Community life: Replacing Judas by depending on God and reconstituting the Twelve (1:12-26)**
  - B. Pentecost (2:1-41)**
    - 1. The event: The coming of the Spirit (2:1-13)**
    - 2. The explanation: The Spirit's coming shows Jesus is Lord-Messiah (2:14-36)**
    - 3. The reaction: Repent and receive the promised gift (2:37-41)**

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- C. Summary: Community life (2:42-47)**
- D. The healing of the lame man and the arrest of Peter and John (3:1-4:31)**
  - 1. The event: The healing of the lame man (3:1-10)**
  - 2. The explanation: Peter preaches Jesus from Torah and promise (3:11-26)**
  - 3. The arrest and the leadership's deliberation (4:1-22)**
  - 4. The community reaction: Prayer for boldness (4:23-31)**

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- E. Community life and problems (4:32-5:11)**
  - 1. All things in common: the example of Barnabus (4:32-37)**
  - 2. Deceiving the Spirit and judgment: Ananias and Sapphira (5:1-11)**
- F. Summary: signs and wonders (5:12-16)**
- G. More persecution (5:17-42)**
  - 1. Arrest, divine release, and rearrest (5:17-26)**
  - 2. Deliberation and release (5:27-42)**

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- H. Community life: The appointment of the Seven to help Hellenist widows (6:1-6)**
- I. Summary of the Jerusalem community (6:7)**

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### **When did the "Church" Begin?**

**Mt. 16:18** "I will build my church" – future  
**1 Cor. 12:13** How the church was built - by the  
"baptism of the Holy Spirit into the body  
of  
**Eph. 1:2-23** The church is the body of Christ  
**Acts 1:5** Baptism of the Holy Spirit is few days  
away  
**Acts 2:1-4** The Holy Spirit descends on Pentecost  
**Acts 11:15-17** Identifies the beginning point the  
baptism work of the Holy Spirit as  
Pentecost  
Therefore, the "church" began at Pentecost

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### **Discussion Question**

**1. Describe what the life of the early church looked like. Is this an example we should follow today? If so, how can we apply this to our church and to us in 2010?**

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<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. <sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper, and to prayer.

<sup>43</sup> A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. <sup>44</sup> And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.