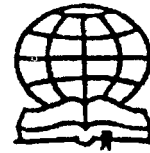


Christadelphian Bible Mission

The Acts of the Apostles



Please begin by reading - Acts Chapter 1

The Book of the Acts of the Apostles continues on from the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). Towards the end of the Gospels we have the sad account of the torture and crucifixion of the Son of God. But the Gospels do not end there.



The tomb was empty!

Questions - Acts Chapter 1

- 1.1 What great event happened three days after the death of the Lord Jesus Christ ?
- 1.2 Write down some of the many proofs the apostles were given to show that Jesus was alive (you will find it helpful to look at the end of the Gospels for these).
- 1.3 What did Jesus talk about to his disciples during the period of forty days from his resurrection to his ascension?
- 1.4 When the Apostles asked the Lord Jesus if he was going to restore (bring back) the Kingdom to Israel then
 - (a) what did they want? (Acts 1:6)
 - (b) why didn't Jesus tell them when the Kingdom would be restored ? (Acts 1:7)
- 1.5 In Acts 1:8, what did Jesus tell the Apostles to do after they had received the Holy Spirit?
- 1.6 As Jesus was taken up into heaven angels spoke to the disciples and said that Jesus will return again.
 - (a) Which verse says this? (Write it out.)
 - (b) What does it mean when it says 'in like manner' in this verse?

The Apostles were left without Jesus, and Peter talked about Judas Iscariot and how he betrayed Jesus and then committed suicide. The Apostle Peter said that there were references to Judas in the book of Psalms (Psalm 41:9; 69:25 and 109:8). These Psalms were written by David about 1,000 years before the time of Judas Iscariot.

- 1.7 How was David able to prophesy like this?
- 1.8 Another Apostle was needed to take the place of Judas Iscariot. What do verses 21 and 22 say about that person?
- 1.9 What did the Apostles do before they cast lots to choose this twelfth person?



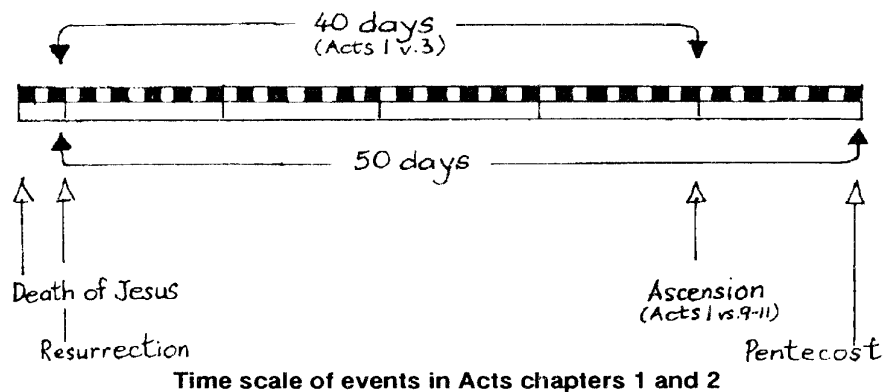
Acts 1:10

NOTE : This chapter teaches several important things -

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1. Jesus rose from the dead - Acts 1:3, 22
 2. Jesus will return to the earth - Acts 1:11
 3. The Kingdom of God will be set up with Israel as its centre - Acts 1:3, 6
 4. Concerning the Holy Spirit this chapter teaches:
 - (a) It is the power of God - Acts 1:8
 - (b) The Lord Jesus Christ possessed it - Acts 1:2
 - (c) God spoke to His prophets through the Spirit - Acts 1:16
 - (d) The Apostles would receive the Holy Spirit too - Acts 1:5
(This happened at Pentecost as recorded in Acts 2)
 - (e) The Holy Spirit would help the Apostles in their witnessing (preaching) - Acts 1:8
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Please begin by reading - Acts Chapter 2



Questions - Acts Chapter 2:

Copy out this passage filling in the blanks as you do so. You may need to put more than one word for some blanks.

- 2.1 On the day of Pentecost, the _____ were filled with the Holy Spirit and they were able to speak with other _____ so that the crowd who spoke many different languages could all understand. Some people thought the Apostles were _____ but Peter told them that God had poured out His _____ as the prophet _____ had said He would.
- He told them about _____ (verse 22), that they had _____ him, but God had _____ him from the dead, even as God said He would hundreds of years before, when He inspired David to write the words: "Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor let your _____ see _____ (verse 27 and Psalm 16:8-11).
- This could not refer to David himself, because David did _____ and his grave could still be found at that time, but because David was a prophet, he was here speaking about the resurrection of _____ as verse 31 says.

Peter was telling them that they (the Jews) had put Jesus to death, but God had raised him from the dead and raised him to His right hand. Then Jesus had sent the Apostles the Holy Spirit as He had promised (verses 32-36).

- 2.2 Why didn't the Lord Jesus Christ remain dead?
- 2.3 What did Peter tell the people they should do?
- 2.4 What did those who were baptised do together?

Important points to notice from this chapter are listed below:

1. ABOUT JESUS
 - (a) He was a man, who was approved of God. He was not, therefore, equally important as God. - Acts 2:22, 30
 - (b) Jesus had to die. This was part of God's plan. - Acts 2:23
 - (c) Jesus was raised from the dead. - Acts 2:24,27,31-32
 - (d) After his resurrection he was exalted by God and given power. - Acts 2:33
 - (e) Salvation is only obtained through the name of Jesus. - Acts 2:21
 - (f) Jesus was the Christ, which means the one anointed to be king, or MESSIAH. - Acts 2:36
2. God made promises to David that His son (Jesus) would reign on His throne (that is, he would reign from Jerusalem). - Acts 2:30-31 See also 2 Samuel 7:12-16
3. Even good people, like David, do not go to heaven. - Acts 2:34
4. 'Soul' means living person. - Acts 2:41
5. 'Hell' means the grave, so verse 31 means that Jesus did not stay in the grave. - Acts 2:31
6. Those who want to come to Christ and be like him must first REPENT and then be BAPTISED. - Acts 2:38, 41
7. Baptised believers must remember the Lord Jesus' death by breaking bread together. - Acts 2:46
8. ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - (a) This chapter tells us that Jesus received it. - Acts 2:33
 - (b) The Apostles and early disciples also possessed it. - Acts 2:1-4, 16-18
 - (c) The early believers received this power. - Acts 2:38
 - (d) The Holy Spirit helped the disciples to speak in tongues - Acts 2:4

ACTS 2:31

We are told that Christ's soul was not left in hell, neither did Christ's flesh see corruption. So Christ's soul went to hell.

What is hell? The word 'hell' could have been translated grave or 'covered place'. So it could have been said Christ's soul was not left in the grave.

But what does it mean when it says his 'soul'? Since it says it went to the grave, it cannot mean an immortal (undying) part of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Bible NEVER talks about an 'immortal soul'. 'Soul' means life or person. So when it talks about his soul, it means the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

This verse simply means that the Lord Jesus Christ did not stay in the grave. What else can it mean? And the second part ('neither did his flesh see corruption') shows that the actual flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ did not rot and decay, because he was raised up by God (verse 32).

ACTS 2:42 AND 46 - What is the "Breaking of Bread"?

We are told that Jesus commanded his followers to remember his death by breaking bread (Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34). The bread was a symbol of his body, the wine was to help them remember his blood. The bread did not turn into his body. How could it when he was there alive with them, telling them to eat the bread? Neither did the wine turn into his blood. They are symbols to help believers remember the sacrifice that the Lord Jesus made (1 Corinthians 11:26).



Acts 3:1-8

Please begin by reading - Acts Chapter 3

Questions - Acts Chapter 3:

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| <p>3.1 By whose power did Peter and John do this miracle?</p> <p>3.2 Please copy and complete:
Again, Peter tells them that they killed Jesus (the Prince of _____), but wanted a _____ to live. He tells them again to _____ and be converted.</p> <p>3.3 Acts 3:20 and 21 say: 'He shall send Jesus... whom heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things'.
Does this mean:-
(a) Jesus has gone to heaven for ever, OR,
(b) Jesus will be sent back to earth after a certain time? OR
(c) Jesus will rule over the earth from heaven after a certain time?</p> <p>3.4 Acts 3:25 refers back to one of the promises which was made to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3). In what way would Abraham's seed (the Jews) be blessed?</p> <p>3.5 What does 'repent and be converted' mean?</p> |
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Some important things this chapter teaches us are:

- 1 Jesus is the Son of God. - Acts 3:13, 26
- 2 He had to die and was raised from the dead. - Acts 3:15, 18, 26
- 3 The teaching of Jesus is very important. (Jesus was the one referred to by Moses in Deuteronomy 18:15-18) - Acts 3:22
- 4 Jesus will return to earth - Acts 3:20,21
- 5 God made promises to Abraham which were to be fulfilled (completed) through Jesus (the 'seed'). (Jesus was in God's plan when He made the promises to Abraham). See Genesis chapter 12 - Acts 3:25,26
- 6 The SOUL CAN DIE. ('Soul' means life or living person) - Acts 3:23
- 7 People who come to Christ must first repent. - Acts 3:19
- 8 People who do not listen to God and read His word will be destroyed. - Acts 3:23

NOTE:

Acts 3:22 is a prophecy about Jesus (see Deuteronomy 18:15,16) Jesus was the prophet raised up by God. Note that it says 'of your brethren' or 'from among your brothers.' This again shows that Jesus, before his death, was a man, with human nature. (See Acts 2:22: "Jesus, a **man** approved of God").

Please begin by reading - Acts Chapter 4

Questions - Acts Chapter 4

- 4.1 Why were the leaders of the Jews cross with Peter and John (Acts 4:2)?
- 4.2 Acts 4:11 - The stone is the Lord Jesus Christ (see also Matthew 21:42; Psalm 118:22 and 1 Peter 2:5-9). What happened first of all to the stone?
- 4.3 What is meant by 'has become the head of the corner'?
- 4.4 Acts 4:12 - What is the only name by which we can be saved?
- 4.5 Romans 13:1-7 says we should obey our rulers. Why were Peter and John right in disobeying the chief priests and elders? (See also Acts 5:29).



A High Priest (see Acts 4:6)

Read Acts 4:25 to 28 and then read Psalm 2, The Psalm was written about 1,000 years before the time of Jesus and yet it says that the people and rulers would come together against God's anointed (Messiah), that is, against Jesus (Psalm 2:2). So what happened to Jesus was no accident. It was part of God's plan and He had said, long before, that it would happen (Acts 4:28).

Acts 4: 31 records another outpouring of the Holy Spirit and so the believers spoke the word of God and were united and gave willingly.

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