

Book of Acts — Chapter-by-Chapter Synopsis

- **Acts 1 — Waiting & Witness** — Jesus ascends; disciples wait in Jerusalem; Matthias chosen to replace Judas.
- **Acts 2 — Pentecost** — Spirit poured out; Peter preaches; ~3,000 baptized; believers form a devoted community.
- **Acts 3 — Beautiful Gate** — Lame man healed; Peter explains the miracle as fulfillment of the prophets.
- **Acts 4 — Name of Jesus on Trial** — Peter and John before the Sanhedrin; boldness amid threats; believers share possessions.
- **Acts 5 — Integrity & Power** — Ananias and Sapphira judged; signs and wonders; apostles freed from prison; “we must obey God.”
- **Acts 6 — Seven Servants** — Hellenist widows’ needs addressed by appointing seven; Stephen’s wisdom stirs opposition.
- **Acts 7 — Stephen’s Witness** — Stephen retells Israel’s story, indicts hard hearts; is stoned; Saul consents.
- **Acts 8 — Beyond Jerusalem** — Persecution scatters believers; Philip in Samaria; Simon the magician; Ethiopian official baptized.
- **Acts 9 — Saul Turns** — Saul meets the risen Jesus; is baptized; preaches; Peter heals Aeneas and raises Tabitha.
- **Acts 10 — Gentile Door Opens** — Peter’s vision; Cornelius’ household receives the Spirit and is baptized.
- **Acts 11 — Antioch Emerges** — Gospel reaches Greeks; disciples first called “Christians”; Barnabas fetches Saul from Tarsus.
- **Acts 12 — Herod’s Violence & Deliverance** — James martyred; Peter freed by an angel; Herod dies under judgment.
- **Acts 13 — First Journey Begins** — Antioch sends Barnabas and Saul; Cyprus (Elymas), Pisidian Antioch sermon; Gentiles rejoice.
- **Acts 14 — Trials & Churches** — Iconium, Lystra (mistaken for gods), stoning; appoint elders; return to Antioch.
- **Acts 15 — Jerusalem Council** — Debate on circumcision; apostles affirm Gentile inclusion without the Law’s yoke; unity letter sent.
- **Acts 16 — Macedonia Call** — Timothy joins; Lydia converted; jailer in Philippi believes after quake and mercy.
- **Acts 17 — Reasoned Witness** — Thessalonica & Berea (Scripture-examining); Paul addresses the Areopagus in Athens.
- **Acts 18 — Corinth & Co-workers** — Priscilla & Aquila partner; Gallio’s ruling; Apollos taught more accurately.
- **Acts 19 — Ephesus & Tyrannus** — Disciples receive the Spirit; daily training in the Hall of Tyrannus; magic books burned; riot of Artemis.
- **Acts 20 — Farewells & Warnings** — Eutychus raised; Paul charges Ephesian elders to shepherd well, warns of wolves.
- **Acts 21 — To Jerusalem** — Agabus predicts bonds; Paul arrested in the temple after purification misunderstanding.
- **Acts 22 — Citizenship & Testimony** — Paul’s defense in Hebrew; reveals Roman citizenship to avoid flogging.
- **Acts 23 — Plots & Providence** — Council split (Pharisees/Sadducees); assassination plot exposed; Paul escorted to Caesarea.
- **Acts 24 — Before Felix** — Tertullus accuses; Paul defends; held for years, speaking often of righteousness and self-control.
- **Acts 25 — Appeal to Caesar** — Festus replaces Felix; Paul appeals to Caesar; hearing arranged with Agrippa II.
- **Acts 26 — Testimony to Kings** — Paul recounts conversion and commission; Agrippa: “In a short time would you persuade me...?”

- **Acts 27 — Storm & Shipwreck** — Voyage to Rome; northeaster; Paul assures all lives spared; shipwreck on Malta.
- **Acts 28 — Rome, Unhindered** — Healings on Malta; arrival in Rome; Jewish leaders hear; Paul preaches the kingdom “without hindrance.”

Tip: Pair this with a visual timeline for better recall of Acts' unfolding story.