

SUNDAY RECAP

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

The *Sunday Recap* is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week long. Enjoy!

Recap for: [Sunday, January 7, 2018](#)

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

Luke 24:46-47 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What did you experience at our Sunday worship gathering?
- What did you learn about the book of Acts from the sermon on Sunday? What are you hoping to learn through our Acts study?
- How are you unaware of the unstoppable nature of the gospel in your life and in the world?
- How do the book of Luke and Acts fit together?
- Who can you pray for to come to faith in Jesus throughout our Acts series

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- Do you know that there was a time when there weren't any churches? Do you know what was needed for the church to start? (The Holy Spirit had to come) Now we have the Holy Spirit who is our helper to have faith in Jesus, love one another, and tell our neighbors about Jesus.
- What's your favorite thing about being part of our church?
- Who can we pray for to know Jesus?

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

Book: [The Message of Acts in the History of Redemption](#) by Dennis Johnson

Bible Study: [Acts: A 12 Week Study](#) by Justin Holcomb

SONGS WE SANG

 *Check out our Spotify playlist here: <https://goo.gl/BQddvV>

[Oh How I Need You](#) by All Sons and Daughters

[Give Me Faith](#) by Elevation Church

[Depth of Mercy](#) by Red Mountain Church

[In Christ Alone](#) by Kings Kaleidoscope

[May God Keep You](#) by Ordinary Time

READINGS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD,

C: Praise the name of the LORD!

L: Blessed be the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore!

**C: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

L: The LORD is high above all nations,
and his glory above the heavens!

**C: Who is like the LORD our God,
who is seated on high,
who looks far down
on the heavens and the earth?**

L: He raises the poor from the dust
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes,
with the princes of his people.
He gives the barren woman a home,
making her the joyous mother of children.

C: Praise the LORD!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.
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C: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Ephesians 4:3 encourages us to be "eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."
Each week when we share a Passing of the Peace, it is a simple thing, but a profound thing.
We are reminding one another of the gospel. That Jesus has brought us peace with God and peace with one another.
Greeting and extending peace to one another is a way to worship God and enjoy the fruit of the gospel.
So take a moment now and enjoy the peace of the gospel by greeting one another. Taking extra care to greet anyone who might be new.

BENEDICTION

L: May our Lord Jesus Christ,
the One who came with grace and truth,
also fill your hearts with grace and truth,
as you serve him in the days ahead.
And may the joy of the Lord—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— be your strength.
Peace be with you!

C: And also with you!

SERMON NOTES:



INTRO TO ACTS | 1.7.18 | SERMON NOTES

I. ACTS AS A BRIDGE

- Bridge to the OT (Promises of God)
- Bridge to the Gospels
- Bridge to the Epistles (Letters of the NT)

II. AUTHORSHIP OF ACTS

- Written by Luke (a physician, and companion of the apostles and Paul)
- Also wrote the Gospel of Luke
- Think ONE SERIES with TWO VOLUMES

III. PURPOSE: WHY DID LUKE WRITE ACTS?

Luke 1:1–4 (p.855)

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.

Luke 24:46-47 (p.885)

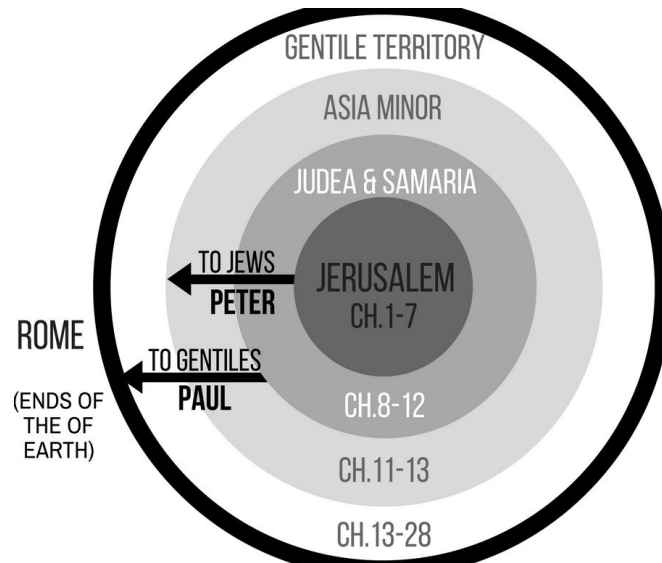
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IV. ACTS STRUCTURE

Acts Summary (Thematic) Verse: **Acts 1:8 (p.909) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."**

SIMPLE OUTLINE

- Ch.1-7 Gospel from Jerusalem to Judea
- Ch.8-12 Gospel to Samaria
- Ch.13-28 Gospel to Ends of the Earth



6 SECTIONS USING 5 "SUMMARY STATEMENTS"

- **Acts 6:7 (1:1-6:7)**
- **Acts 9:31 (6:8-9:31)**
- **Acts 12:24 (9:32-12:24)**
- **Acts 16:4 (12:25-6:5)**
- **Acts 19:20 (16:6-19:20)**

V. THE OVERALL MESSAGE: *The Unstoppable Gospel!*

"God buries his messengers, but not his message" - John Wesley

Through Persecution, jail, Stephen killed, James killed, Paul stoned, Paul flogged, court cases, Paul shipwrecked, Paul bitten by snake, and many more, the gospel never for a second is hindered in its movement. Why? Because it must be "accomplished" ("It must happen" is repeated 40x)

Acts 28:30–31 (p.938)

He lived there two whole years at his own expense, and welcomed all who came to him, proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

VI. UNDERSTANDING ACTS

What is important is said 3x

- a) The coming of the Holy Spirit (ch.2,8,10)
- b) The conversion of Saul (ch.9,22,26)
- c) The Gentile Mission (ch.10,11,15)
- d) The terms of the Gentile inclusion in the church (ch.15 (2x),21)

*Biggest Problem in understanding Acts: **Prescription or Description***

- Prescription to be copied or Description of events?
- The purpose of this writing is NOT to be a roadmap to successful church. Rather it is a telling what took place when the Holy Spirit came upon people and lived through people.