

LESSON 19

Name: _____

The Acts of the Apostles Part 1

Directions: Read the cited scripture passages and related biblical footnotes to help you to fill in the blanks for each item.

1. The Acts of the Apostles was written by _____.
2. The Acts of the Apostles is the second volume of his two volume work, both addressed to _____. (see Luke 1:3 and Acts 1:1)
3. The title of the Acts of the Apostles comes from the activities of two major apostles:
 - A. Acts 1:13 to 4:31, 9:32 to 12:19, and 15:6-11 all deal with the apostle _____.
 - B. Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-30, 12:25 to 15:4, and 15:22 to 28:31 all deal with the apostle _____.
4. Acts also recounts the activities of two minor apostles:
 - A. Acts 6:1 to 7:60 tells of the activities of _____.
 - B. Acts 8:4-40 briefly speaks of the missionary involvement of _____.
5. Luke's two volume work describes how the salvation promised to Israel in the Hebrew scriptures was accomplished by Jesus under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the gospels, and in Acts it is extended to the _____.
6. In Acts Luke has provided a broad survey of the church's development, from the resurrection of Jesus to the first Roman imprisonment of _____. (see Acts 28:30)
7. There are five divisions in the book of Acts:
 - A. 1:1 to 2:13 Events between the resurrection and the beginning of the church, which is the feast of _____.
 - B. 2:14 to 8:3 The mission in the city of _____.
 - C. 8:4 to 9:43 The mission outside Jerusalem, in Judea and _____.
 - D. 10:1 to 15:35 The beginning of the mission to the _____.
 - E. 15:36 to 28:31 The mission around the Mediterranean Sea by the apostle _____.
8. Acts 1:3 says Jesus "presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during . . ." a time period of _____.
9. But in Luke 24:50f Jesus ascends into heaven the evening of the same day as the _____.
10. Among Jesus' last words to the apostles before "he was taken up" were: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the _____." (Acts 1:8)

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11. At least three women joined the eleven in the upper room in Jerusalem to form the first Christian _____ . (Acts 1:14)
12. This unique group had two chief duties to fulfill:
 - A. “All these devoted themselves with one accord to _____ .” (Acts 1:14)
 - B. Charity towards the _____ . (Acts 2:45)
13. The eleven felt a need to appoint a replacement for Judas so they could continue to represent the twelve tribes of Israel (Lk 22:30). The disciple chosen as the replacement was _____ . (Acts 1:26)
14. In Acts, Luke follows up on his gospel theme of giving up one’s possessions for the sake of the kingdom (Lk 5:11, 12:33, 14:33, 16:13, 18:22, 18:24-30). Luke idealizes the Christian community’s willingness to sell their property and divide their possessions among all according to _____ . (Acts 2:44f, 4:34-37)
15. If this really happened in all cases, however, then there would be no need for him to include the story of _____ . (Acts 5:1-11)
16. Stephen, one of the newly appointed deacons, was brought before the Sanhedrin (6:12) and accused of attacking the Temple and disobeying the Jewish law. His trial and execution:
 - A. introduced the one who will spread the word “to the ends of the earth.” His name was _____ . (Acts 7:58b and 8:1)
 - B. paralleled that of Jesus (Lk 23:34) because Stephen also says, “Lord, do not hold this sin _____ .” (Acts 7:60)
17. Luke includes the story of Simon the magician:
 - A. to parallel the contest between Moses and the Pharaoh’s _____ . (Ex 7:11f, 8:14, 9:11)
 - B. to counter any charge that Christians worked miracles and cures in order to make _____ .