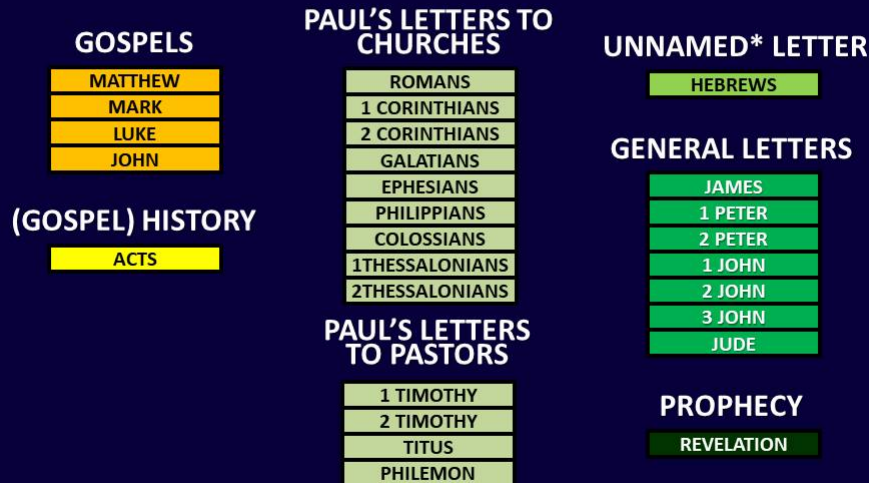


LAW	WISDOM	MAJOR PROPHETS	GOSPELS	PAUL LETTERS TO PASTORS
GENESIS	JOB	ISAIAH	MATTHEW	1 TIMOTHY
EXODUS	PSALMS	JEREMIAH	MARK	2 TIMOTHY
LEVITICUS	PROVERBS	LAMENTATIONS	LUKE	TITUS
NUMBERS	ECCLESIASTES	EZEKIEL	JOHN	PHILEMON
DEUTERONOMY	SONG OF SOLOMON	DANIEL	(GOSPEL) HISTORY	UNNAMED LETTER
HISTORY		MINOR PROPHETS	ACTS	HEBREWS
JOSHUA		HOSEA	PAUL'S LETTERS TO CHURCHES	GENERAL LETTERS
JUDGES		JOEL	ROMANS	JAMES
RUTH		AMOS	1 CORINTHIANS	1 PETER
1 SAMUEL		OBADIAH	2 CORINTHIANS	2 PETER
2 SAMUEL		JONAH	GALATIANS	1 JOHN
1 KINGS		MICAH	EPHESIANS	2 JOHN
2 KINGS		NAHUM	PHILIPPIANS	3 JOHN
1 CHRONICLES		HABAKKUK	COLOSSIANS	JUDE
2 CHRONICLES		ZEPHANIAH	1 THESSALONIANS	PROPHECY
EZRA		HAGGAI	2 THESSALONIANS	REVELATION
NEHEMIAH		ZECHARIAH		
ESTHER		MALACHI		

## The New Testament

- New Testament books fall into seven categories:



NOTE: \* Probably written by Paul.

## The Gospel

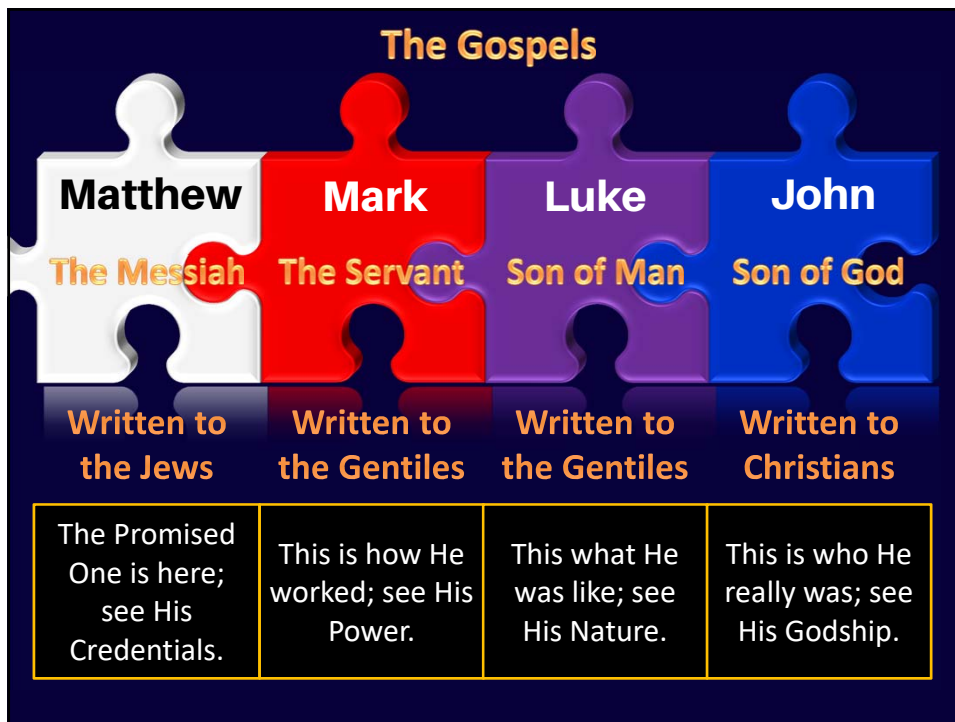
1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

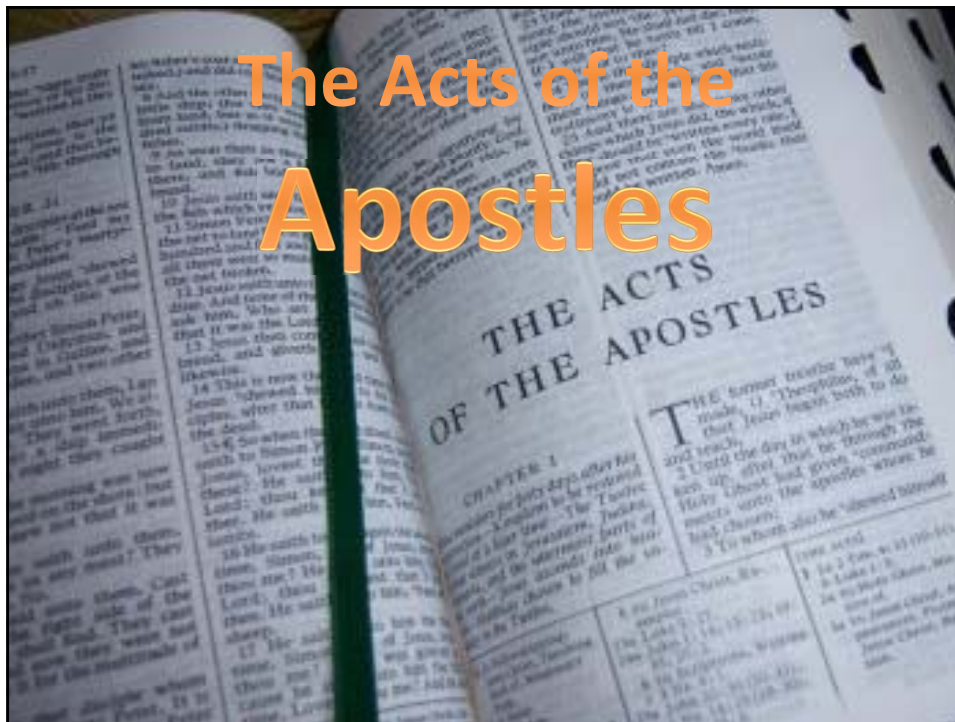
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4





**Acts (πράξις, *praxis*, G4234, “acts, doing, action”)**

The Acts of the Apostles

The Acts of the Apostles Peter and Paul

The Acts of Jesus Christ (cont.)

The Acts of the Holy Spirit

The Acts of God

The acts of God through Jesus Christ by  
the Holy Spirit in the Apostles

## KEY THEME

Jesus offers  
salvation to  
everyone.

Acts

## KEY VERSE

- <sup>7</sup> And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.
- <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

## The book of Acts in two acts

### THE MINISTRY OF PETER (Chapters 1-12)

- Peter and the Jews, Acts 1—7
- Peter and the Samaritans, Acts 8
- The conversion of Paul, Acts 9
- Peter and the Gentiles, Acts 10—11
- Peter's arrest and deliverance, Acts 12

### THE MINISTRY OF PAUL (Chapter 13-28)

- Paul's first missionary journey, Acts 13—14
- The Council of Jerusalem, Acts 15
- Paul's second missionary journey, 16:1—18:22
- Paul's third missionary journey, 18:23—21:25
- Paul's arrest and trial in Caesarea, 21:26—26:31
- Paul's voyage to Rome, Acts 27-28

## The ministries of Peter and Paul



## Relationship of the acts of Peter and Paul

### Acts 1-12

Centre in Jerusalem  
 Peter, chief figure  
 Out to Samaria  
 Word rejected by  
 Jews in the homeland  
 Peter imprisoned  
 Judgement on Herod

Acts of  
 Peter

Acts of  
 Paul

Centre in Antioch  
 Paul, chief figure  
 Out to Rome  
 Word rejected by  
 diaspora Jews  
 Paul imprisoned  
 Judgement on Jews

### Acts 13-28

## Parallels in Acts between Peter and Paul

Peter		Paul	
First sermon	2	First sermon	13
Lame man healed	3	Lame man healed	14
Simon the Sorcerer	8	Elymas the Sorcerer	13
Influence of shadow	5	Influence of handkerchief	19
Laying on of hands	8	Laying on of hands	19
Peter worshipped	10	Paul worshipped	14
Tabitha raised	9	Eutychus raised	20
Peter imprisoned	12	Paul imprisoned	28



## More similarities

- Both performed miracles.
- Both saw visions.
- Both suffered for their faith.
- Both made long speeches.
- Both were filled with the Spirit.
- Both preached with boldness.
- Both preached to Gentiles and Jews:
  - Peter primarily preached to Jews.
  - Paul primarily preached to Gentiles.
- Both were imprisoned.
- Both miraculously escaped.
- Both healed the sick.
- Both healed a congenital cripple.
- Both exercised Demons.
- Both had extraordinary means of healing:
  - Peter with his shadow.
  - Paul with his handkerchief.
- Both raise the dead.
- Both declared judgement on false teachers.
- Both refused worship.
- Both died as martyrs.

## The Author - Luke

- Luke was a Gentile physician, who joined Paul at Troas in AD 51. Some tradition holds him to have been a slave.
- Luke wrote in an educated, polished Greek similar to that of Hellenistic historians. His account of the Malta shipwreck has been acclaimed as a masterpiece of ancient literature. He has a good vocabulary, excellent style, and an ability to hold reader interest.
- Luke shows great skill as a historian. His research is thorough and he knows what to include or omit.
- Luke was an evangelist using his pen rather than his voice.
- Luke portrays Jesus as the saviour of the world.
- Per tradition, Luke was the first icon painter.
- History records Luke died at age 84 in Boeotia, Greece, having never married.



## Seven Progress Reports

1. "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).
2. "So the Word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly" (Acts 6:7).
3. "Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria...was strengthened; and [it was] encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord" (Acts 9:31).
4. "But the Word of God continued to increase and spread" (Acts 12:24).
5. "So the churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in numbers" (Acts 16:5).
6. "In this way the Word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power" (Acts 19:20).
7. "Paul...welcomed all who came to see him. Boldly and without hindrance he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 28:30-31).



## Acts 1

<sup>1</sup> The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to **do** and **teach**, <sup>2</sup> until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, <sup>3</sup> to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during **forty days** and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

### Who was Θεόφιλος?

Theόphilos, G2321; friend (lover) of God.

1. Theophilus was in fact a proper name in the 1<sup>st</sup> Century.
2. Theophilus could also be a pseudonym.
3. It could also be an esteemed title.

## Who was Theophilus?

### Individuals named Theophilus:

1. Theophilus, brother-in-law to Caiaphas, who was high priest from AD 37-41.
2. Theophilus of Antioch, a prominent Christian mentioned in 2<sup>nd</sup> century writings (per Arno Gaebelein, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cent.).
3. Theophilus, an official in Athens convicted of perjury.

### Theophilus as a pseudonym or title (Friend of God):

1. Sergius Paulus, proconsul of Cyprus (Acts 13: 6-12), c. 40-50.
2. Lucius Junius Annaeus Gallio (Acts 18: 12-17), 51-52.
3. Titus Flavius Clemens, heir presumptive of Emperor Domitian.
4. Philo Judaeus of Alexandria, author and wealthy Jew who was a Roman magistrate and advisor to Emperor Titus (AD 79-81).
5. King Agrippa II (Acts 26: 2-23; 26: 28), c. AD 27-92.

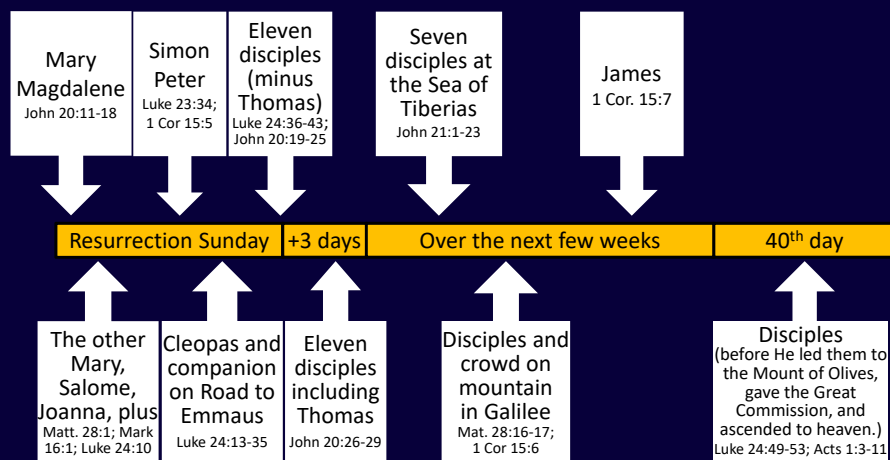
## A bit extra: the High Priest Theophilus

- Josephus catalogued the high priests of the second temple period including Annas (r. AD8-15); his five sons including Theophilus (r. AD37-41); his son-in-law Caiaphas (r. AD18-36); and Theophilus' son Matthias (AD 65 A.D).
- Theophilus had a granddaughter named Joanna, mentioned as a Christian in the books of Luke. Per Luke 8:3, Joanna the wife of Herod's steward was healed by Jesus. With Mary and Mary Magdalene, she discovered the empty tomb (24:10).

A	<sup>8</sup> And they remembered His words.
B	<sup>9</sup> Then they returned from the tomb and told all these things
C	to the eleven
D	and to all the rest.
E	<sup>10</sup> It was Mary Magdalene,
F	Joanna,
E	Mary the mother of James,
D	and the other women with them,
C	who told the apostles
B	these things
A	<sup>11</sup> And their words seemed to them like idle tales, and they did not believe them.

## Recorded post-resurrection appearances

His post-resurrection ministry, as revealed in His ten appearances, has an even more significant bearing on the lives of Christians today than does the three year ministry recorded in the Gospels.



### The Holy Spirit Promised

<sup>4</sup> And being assembled together with *them*, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” *He said*, “you have heard from Me; <sup>5</sup> for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.” <sup>6</sup> Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, “**Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?**”

#### The Reality of “the Kingdom”

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. “Thy Kingdom come”   | Matthew 6:10; Luke 11:2 |
| 2. Gabriel to Mary      | Luke 1:30               |
| 3. Confirmed here       | Acts 1:6                |
| 4. Counsel of Jerusalem | Act 15:14-18            |
- Includes James quoting Amos 9:11

The phrase “Kingdom of God” appears 33x Luke, 15x in Mark, 4x in Matthew, once in John, and 6x in Acts.

<sup>7</sup> And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;

Jesus needs to go away to allow the Holy Spirit to come.  
(John 16:7-11)

<sup>7</sup> Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

<sup>8</sup> And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: <sup>9</sup> of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup> of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup> of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

John 16:7-11

“... and you shall **be** witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**① Jerusalem**  
The beginning of the Church (Acts 1-7)

**② Judea/Samaria**  
Early growth of the Church (Acts 8-12)

**③ Ends of the earth**  
Missionary journeys (Acts 13-28, continuing )

<sup>9</sup> Now when He had spoken these things, while they watched, He was taken up, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

<sup>10</sup> And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, <sup>11</sup> who also said,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This *same* Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey.



### The Upper Room Prayer Meeting

<sup>13</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James *the son* of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas *the son* of James.



<sup>14</sup> These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

<sup>15</sup> And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, <sup>16</sup> "Men *and* brethren, this Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus; <sup>17</sup> for he was numbered with us and obtained a part in this ministry."



<sup>18</sup> (Now this man purchased a field with the wages of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his entrails gushed out. <sup>19</sup> And it became known to all those dwelling in Jerusalem; so that field is called in their own language, *Akel Dama*, that is, Field of Blood.)



<sup>20</sup> “For it is written in the Book of Psalms: ‘Let his dwelling place be desolate, and let no one live in it’; and, ‘Let another take his office.’

<sup>21</sup> “Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, <sup>22</sup> beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”

<sup>23</sup> And they proposed two: Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. <sup>24</sup> And they prayed and said, “You, O Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which of these two You have chosen <sup>25</sup> to take part in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” <sup>26</sup> And they cast their lots, and the lot fell on Matthias. And he was numbered with the eleven apostles.