

## To Do and Teach; Acts 1:1-5

### I. The First Book

- A. Luke is the author of the book of Acts
- B. The first book is Luke's Gospel
- C. "book" - a formal accounting of someone's actions
- D. Luke 1:1-4; 1 Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, 2 just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, 3 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, 4 that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught.
- E. "many" - a large number, many, a great number of; relatively large in quantity or measure, *much, extensive*
- F. Out of the "many," "great number of" people that attempted, or succeeded, in writing a Gospel of Jesus, we only have 4
- G. Luke's first book focuses on all Jesus did and taught
- H. Luke's second book focuses on the acts and teaching of the apostles

### II. What Jesus Did

- A. Mary
  - 1. Luke 1:26-38
  - 2. "How can this be," even Mary recognized the impossibility of her pregnancy
  - 3. "Overshadow" - mostly used in the Greek for referencing divine activity such as a cloud that indicates the presence of God
- B. In the Temple as a boy
  - 1. Luke 2:41-51
  - 2. "I must be in my Father's house" - even at a young age Jesus is aware of who He is and what He was to do
- C. Good news, liberty, healing
  - 1. Luke 4:16-21; 16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. 17 And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."
  - 2. Jesus healed those who were sick or lame, and by doing so forgave them
  - 3. Luke 5:17-26
  - 4. This is liberty, this is good news, this is the Lord's favor on His children
  - 5. There are a lot of things, besides this one, that Jesus did. I would encourage you to read the Gospels and see them for yourself

### III. What Jesus Taught

- A. The Good News, The Gospel
- B. Mark 1:14-15; 14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, 15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

C. "The time is fulfilled"

1. Deuteronomy 18:15; "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—"
2. Matthew 3:16–17; 16 And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; 17 and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."
3. Matthew 17:4–5; 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

D. The Kingdom of God is at Hand

1. The Israelites had been waiting for the Messiah, the consolation of Israel, the One who would usher in the new promise
2. Jeremiah 31:31–33; 31 "Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. 33 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
3. God is promising redemption!
4. Although the law was good and righteous, there was one thing the law could not do
5. Galatians 2:16; yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.

E. Repent and Believe

1. This is our response to what Jesus did and taught
2. We should repent of our life without Jesus and believe that He is the Redeemer, the Consolation of Israel, the Messiah!
3. Hebrews 11:1–6; 1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the people of old received their commendation. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible. 4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

IV. What Will You Do?

- A. We have an accurate record of what Jesus did
- B. We have an accurate record of what Jesus taught
- C. The conclusion of is that Jesus is the Messiah
- D. Repent and believe!