

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, SUMMER 2023

PART 1: JERUSALEM (Act 1:1-8:3)

PREPARATION (Act 1:1-26)

An introduction to the book; the promise of the Spirit; the ascension of Jesus; the waiting for the Spirit and the selection of Matthias.

21-May Sunday after Ascension

Acts 1: 4-14: The promise of the Spirit, the ascension of Jesus and the waiting for the Spirit.

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHURCH (Act 2:1-47)

The outpouring of the Spirit; the reaction of the crowd; the explanation by Peter; Peter's first sermon; the conversion of 3000 souls and the beginning of the church.

28-May Pentecost

Acts 2: 1-21: The outpouring of the Spirit, the reaction of the crowd and the explanation by Peter.

11-Jun 1st Sunday after Trinity

Acts 2: 42-47: The beginning of the church

THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (Act 3:1-8:3)

The healing of the lame man; Peter's second sermon; the first persecution against the church; the liberality of the church; the first trouble within; increasing persecution without; the choosing of the seven; the address and martyrdom of Stephen; the church is scattered.

18-Jun 2nd Sunday after Trinity

Acts: 6: 8-15, 7: 51-8: 3: The martyrdom of Stephen and the scattering of the church

PART 2: JUDEA AND SAMARIA (Act 8:4-12:25)

THE PREACHING BY PHILIP (Act 8:4-40)

The conversion of the Samaritans and the conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch.

25-Jun 3rd Sunday after Trinity

Acts 8: 26-40: The conversion of the Ethiopian eunuch

THE CONVERSION OF SAUL OF TARSUS (Act 9:1-31)

The appearance of the Lord on the road to Damascus; the baptism of Saul by Ananias; the initial ministry and persecution of Saul.

02-Jul 4th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 9: 1-19: The conversion of Saul of Tarsus

THE MIRACLES OF PETER (Act 9:32-43)

The healing of Aeneas and the raising of Dorcas from the dead.

09-Jul 5th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 9: 32-43: The miracles of Peter

THE CONVERSION OF CORNELIUS (Act 10:1-11:18)

The account recorded by Luke and then retold by Peter.

16-Jul 6th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 11: 18: Peter tells of the conversion of Cornelius.

THE MINISTRIES OF BARNABAS, SAUL AND PETER (Act 11:19-12:25)

The work of Barnabus and Saul in Antioch; the work of Barnabus and Saul in Judea, the persecution by Herod; James beheaded; Peter arrested; the release of Peter from prison by an angel; Herod's death.

23-Jul 7th Sunday after Trinity

Acts: 12: 1-19: Peter's miraculous escape

PART 3: THE ENDS OF THE EARTH (Act 13:1-28:30-31)

THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL (Act 13:1-14:28)

Departure from Antioch; the ministry on Cyprus; preaching in Pisidia, work and persecution in Iconium, Lystra and Derbe; the confirmation of churches and appointment of elders; the return to Antioch.

30-Jul 8th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 14: 8-20: In Lystra.

THE ISSUE OF CIRCUMCISION AND THE LAW (Act 15:1-35)

The problem surfaces in Antioch; the problem is resolved in Jerusalem, the letter is delivered to Antioch.

06-Aug 9th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 15: 1-21: The council at Jerusalem.

THE SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL (Act 15:36-18:22)

The separation of Paul and Barnabas; The addition of Timothy to Paul and Silas; The call to come to Macedonia; The conversion of Lydia in Philippi; The conversion of the Philippian jailor; The proclamation of Christ in Thessalonica, Berea, and Athens; The year and a half at Corinth; The quick trip back to Antioch.

03-Sep 13th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 15: 36-41, 16: 1-5: Paul and Barnabus argue, and Timothy joins Paul and Silas.

10-Sep 14th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 16: 11-15: The conversion of Lydia

17-Sep 15th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 16: 16-40: The conversion of the Philippian jailor.

THE THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY OF PAUL (Act 18:23-21:17)

The strengthening of disciples in Galatia and Phrygia; The conversion of Apollos; The three years at Ephesus, ending with a riot; The trip through Macedonia, three months in Greece and return through Macedonia; The breaking of bread and miracle at Troas; heading toward Jerusalem; The meeting with the Ephesian elders at Miletus; Warnings on the way to Jerusalem; brief stays in Tyre and Caesarea; The arrival in Jerusalem.

24-Sep 16th Sunday after Trinity

Acts 18: 18-28: The conversion of Apollos

THE ARREST OF PAUL AND JOURNEY TO ROME (Act 21:18-28:31)

The counsel of James and elders of the church in Jerusalem; The arrest of Paul in the temple; The defense by Paul to the Jewish mob; The defense by Paul before the Sanhedrin council; The plot against Paul and deliverance to Felix; The trial before Felix; procrastination by Felix; The appearance before Festus and appeal to Caesar; The defense before Festus and King Agrippa; The journey to Rome; shipwreck along the way; The explanation of Paul to the leaders of the Jews in Rome; The waiting in Rome for two years, yet preaching and teaching.

01-Oct 17th Sunday after Trinity

08-Oct 18th Sunday after Trinity

15-Oct 19th Sunday after Trinity

Act 21:26-40: The arrest of Paul in the temple

Acts 27: 1-2, 14-44: Shipwrecked

Acts 28: 17-end. Waiting and preaching in Rome