

It Begins

Acts 1.1-5

No story matters more than the story of Jesus

Acts Is The Story Of The Message Of The Resurrected Jesus

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,

John Stott: The Continuing Words and Deeds of Jesus by his Spirit through his Apostles

The story in Acts continues the story of Jesus, found in Luke, focusing on events after Jesus' ascension.

Acts is a book of movement and transition

2 until the day when He was taken up *to heaven*, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over *a period of* forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

Acts Is The Story Of The Work Of The Holy Spirit

4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," *He said*, "you heard of from Me;

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

The book of Acts is the story of the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus and the numeric and spiritual growth of his followers (the church) told primarily through the life and work of two men (Peter and Paul) under the influence and direction of the Holy Spirit

Acts Is The Story That Still Continues

Getting people to Jesus means everything

The story of Jesus focuses on the resurrection event

The Holy Spirit moves and guides followers of Jesus to share the story of Jesus