

Introduction to the Book of Acts (Acts 1:1-3)

The _____ way to _____ Scripture is the way
_____, _____ it, _____ book at a _____.

Author - _____ is the author of _____ and Acts.

- He was a _____ and _____
- He was a friend and _____ of _____
- He is the only _____ to _____ a
_____ book

Date - It appears _____ wrote Acts from _____
around AD _____ during _____ first
_____.

Note things that are omitted in Acts that would naturally be in a book of early Church history had they already happened.

- _____ martyrdom in AD 62 (Jesus' 1/2 brother)
- _____ persecution after the _____ of
_____ in AD 64
- The _____, _____ and
martyrdom of _____ in AD 67
- The _____ of _____ in AD 70
- (The events of Acts cover roughly _____ years.)

Recipient - Theophilus means "_____ of _____".
Theories of who he was vary and include that he was:

- A _____ who was _____ yet _____
- A _____ to _____
- _____ for _____ of God

Title - Rather than "The Acts of the Apostles" some suggest:

- "The Acts of the _____ Through the
_____"
- "The _____ Acts of _____ By His
_____ Through the _____"

2 Precautions - Acts abounds with _____: from
the ministry of _____ to the _____; from
the _____ to the _____; and from
_____ as God's witness _____ to the
_____. Therefore we must be careful about
building _____ based _____ on what
_____ in the _____ period of Acts.
_____ should be _____ by the
_____ teaching of the _____.

Luke 1:1- Luke's _____ style is _____
_____. Mock writes that "_____
reveals truth _____" whereas "_____
reveals truth _____." (a letter, sermon or speech)
Not every recorded _____ or _____ in Acts
_____ God's _____.

Purpose - _____ includes his purpose for _____.

I. Luke's Purpose Was _____ - Luke 1:1-4

Luke sought to write a trustworthy _____ of
_____ from Jesus' _____ until
_____ first _____ in AD _____.

The NT's layout reveals the _____ of Acts.

- _____ biographies of Jesus' life, death, resurrection
- _____ history book of the early Church
- _____ epistles (_____) of doctrine
- _____ book of prophecy

Acts is the _____ God-inspired _____ to the _____ that also helps us make better _____ of the NT _____.

Acts shows how in God's _____ and His _____, Christianity's leading missionary used the _____, _____, common _____ and _____ of the _____ to plant _____ churches in key _____ in Syria, Galatia, Macedonia, Achaia and Asia Minor.

II. Luke's Purpose Was _____

1) Luke's labor was an _____ of _____

Matthew 28:18-20 - _____ of the Great Commission _____ to _____.

(v.20) Both _____ and _____ are vital for _____ believer.

2) Luke's labor was an _____ of _____ - Luke 1:3-4

Luke gave this effort for the _____ of _____ man.



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