

### Lecture 3

#### The Book of Acts                      the Narrative of the Gospels

- **1:1** (Preface connection; cf. **Luke 1:1–4**)
- **1:2–11** (Narrative flow; cf. **Lk 24:49–53**)

#### The Book of Acts                      Upon the Scope of the Gospels

- (Not to ignore the Great Commission, but really to reinforce and embark on it.)
- 1 man entrusted his message to 12 men (and, really, 120 disciples [see **Ac 1:15**; intriguing math (12 x 10)!]).
- **Acts 2** (Pentecost) shows expansion.
- **Acts 10** shows expansion.
- Paul’s missionary efforts demonstrate expansion (see **Gal 2:9**; **Acts 13:2–3, 48–48; 14:5–6; 16:6–10; 19:8–10; 28:23–28**).
- Maybe even the ending (Paul’s unhindered teaching) demonstrates an expansion of sorts.

#### The Book of Acts                      the Plot of the Gospels ....

**Acts is the “gospel” account (i.e. theological biography) of the church.**

- The book of Acts provides \_\_\_\_\_ about the Church.
  - **Acts 1:8; 2:1–4**
- The book of Acts narrates the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Acts 2:5–41**
- The book of Acts shares some memories of the Church’s “\_\_\_\_\_”.
  - **2:42–47**—a summary of the new church
  - **6:1–7**—Managing church growth well
  - **10:34–48**—Learning that the Church is global (this is putting it mildly)
  - **15:28–29**—Refining the gospel approach to Church
- The book of Acts shares the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **2:14–36**—Peter preaches at Pentecost
  - **3:12–26**—Peter preaches in Solomon’s Portico
  - **7:1–53**—Stephen preaches and gets martyred
  - **8:30–39**—Philip teaches and baptizes the Ethiopian eunuch.
  - **9:27–29**—Saul begins preaching.

- 10:34–43—Peter preaches to Cornelius’ household.
  - 13:15–49—Paul preaches at Antioch.
  - 16:30–32—Paul and Silas teach the Philippian jailer.
  - 17:22–34—Paul preaches at the Areopagus (Mars Hill).
  - 26:1–29—Paul testifies before Festus and Agrippa.
  - 28:17–31—Paul preaches to the Jews in Rome.
- The book of Acts demonstrates the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2:4—Speaking in all the languages of the world.
    - 3:1–10—Peter heals the lame beggar.
    - 5:1–11—Peter sees through Ananias and Sapphira.
    - 5:12–16—Many signs and wonders (Peter’s shadow!)
    - 9:36–43—Peter raises Dorcas back to life.
    - 14:8–10—Paul heals a crippled man.
    - 19:11–12—Aprons and handkerchiefs that touched Paul!
    - 20:7–12—Eutychus is raised from the dead/near death.
    - 28:3–6—Paul survives the snake bite.
    - 28:8–9—Paul heals people of Malta.
- The book of Acts includes the Church’s \_\_\_\_\_.
    - 2:13—Apostles mocked at Pentecost.
    - 4:1–22—Peter and John held by the Council.
    - 5:17–42—Apostles are arrested.
    - 6:8–7:60—Stephen is stoned.
    - 8:1–4—Saul persecutes the church. The church keeps spreading.
    - 9:23–30—Failed attempts to kill newly converted Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem.
    - 12:1–5—James is killed. Peter is imprisoned.
    - 14:19–20—Paul is stoned and left for dead.
    - 16:16–24—Paul and Silas are thrown into Philippi’s jail.
    - 17:32—Some at the Areopagus (Mars Hill) mocked the resurrection.
    - 19:21–41—A riot broke out in Ephesus.
    - 21:27–28:31—Paul is arrested, tried, sent to Rome, and kept in custody (eventually killed, according to tradition).

### **A helpful outline of Acts<sup>6</sup>**

1. Getting ready (1:1–2:47)
2. The early Church in Jerusalem (3:1 – 6:7)
3. Initial expansion: Stephen, Samaria, and Saul (6:8–9:31)
4. Continued expansion: Gentiles converted (9:32–12:24)
5. To the nations, part 1: \_\_\_\_\_ (12:25–16:5)
6. To the nations, part 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (16:6–19:20)
7. To the nations, part 3: \_\_\_\_\_ (19:21–28:31)

### **Final thoughts on Acts**

- The Church is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Church is sent on \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Church is forced on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- The church is \_\_\_\_\_.

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<sup>6</sup> This outline is adapted from Köstenberger, Kellum, and Quarles, *CCC*, 411–413.

