

“Fighting against God”

ACTS



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- I. Introduction, 1:1-2:41
- II. Christian Mission to the Jewish World, 2:42-12:24
- III. Christian Mission to the Gentile World, 12:25-28:31

THEMES:

- Universal nature of the Gospel
- The church
- The Holy Spirit
- Jewish culture
- Evangelism
- God's patience and the church's maturation
- Persecution

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Acts 1:1 “The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach..”

Luke 1:1-4 “Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, 2 just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, 3 it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.”

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Col. 4:11,14 “and *also* Jesus who is called Justus; these are the only fellow workers for the kingdom of God who are from the circumcision, and they have proved to be an encouragement to me.”

¹⁴ “Luke, the beloved physician, sends you his greetings, and *also* Demas.”

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- Originally, Luke's two books circulated together as one complete work, though they were probably on two scrolls.
- Then early in the second century, the four gospels were gathered and began to circulate together.
- It was in the latter part of the second century that Acts came to be known as "Acts of the Apostles."
- Why?

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Marcion of Pontus



- 2nd century
- Upheld the apostle Paul but repudiated the other apostles