

Insights into The Book of Acts

Unleashing of the Gospel (Chapters 1-4)

I. Introduction to the Beginning of the Church (1)

A. Jesus and His Post-Resurrection teaching (1:1-11)

You will be my witness in Jerusalem, Judea & Beyond

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II. The Church in Jerusalem (2-8:3)

A. The Church is Born (2:1-11)

1. Pentecost

a. The Coming of the Holy Spirit (2:1-4a)

2. Peter's Explanation (2:14-36)

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3. The Reaction to Peter's Sermon (2:37-41)

a. People were cut to the heart (2:37-40)

b. 3,000 saved (2:41)

B. Summary of the Young Church (2:42-47)

1. Unity among the people (2:42-46)

2. Praise to God from the people (2:47)

C. The Church Ministering in Jerusalem (3-8:3)

1. A Sign to Israel: A Lame Man Healed (3:1-11)

2. A Warning to Israel: Peter's Sermon (3:12-26)

3. The Reaction: Persecution (4:1-37)

a. Over 2,000 saved

b. The animosity of the religious leaders (4:1-22)

c. The prayer for boldness (4:23-31)

Questions:

1. What stands out most about the church on that first day?
2. Do churches today focus more on the already “reached” or the “unreached” and why?
3. Is it worth facing the consequences of being bold in the name of the Lord?
4. What would your prayer be in response to threats from authorities?

Today's Lesson:

Lord, grant me the boldness to speak your word. Extend your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders in Jesus' name.