



GARDEN CITY C H U R C H

28 Days With Jesus In The Book of Acts (Days 15-21)

Day 15 (1.23.23)

Read Acts Chapter 15

Focus Verse: Acts 15:6-11 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.

⁷ And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, ⁹ and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. ¹⁰ Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? ¹¹ But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they.”

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we give You thanks and praise. Because of You the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile is torn down. Jesus, we give You praise for the grace that You have given us. We thank You and give You praise that now all nations, tribes, people and tongues (Revelation 7:9) can come to the Father through You!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Jesus, we worship You, the source of the new covenant, now and forever. Jesus, You are the good news that every nation desperately needs. We worship You Jesus, the One through whom the Father has spoken in these last days. You are the heir to all things, the one through whom the Father made the worlds (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. We pray for the nations to believe the gospel as it is preached through Your church. We intercede for nations that are at war, divided, and filled with hate towards one another. We pray that the gospel reconcile nations to God and restore relationships with one another. No more separation, but oneness in Christ Jesus!

Response Verse: Acts 15:14-17 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. ¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: ¹⁶ “After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; ¹⁷ So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.”

We come into agreement with the words of the prophet Amos. We contend for You to receive a people for Your name out of the nations of the earth. Restore the tabernacle of David through us that mankind may seek You, Lord.

Day 16 (1.24.23)
Read Acts Chapter 16

Focus Verse: Acts 16:6-10 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷ After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. ⁸ So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. ⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we praise You for your leadership. Jesus, we thank You that You are with us even in ministry. Thank You, Jesus, for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us in Your will. We praise You, Jesus, for the supernatural ways You move in our lives, visions, dreams, and angelic assistance!

Worship Jesus for who He is. We worship You, Jesus, the Son of God! You are our example of obedience. Jesus, we worship You for being the model of what trusting the ways and wisdom of God looks like in the earth. Jesus, we worship You, the only one that can satisfy and heal the cries of the nations!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Jesus, we pray for divine direction in every area of ministry. We intercede for the body of Christ. Open our ears, eyes, and senses to the ways You desire to lead and direct us. May we hear the cries of the nations and know that You are the solution. Compel us to go be Your hands and feet, doing Your will alone, in Jesus name.

Response Verse: Acts 16:29-34 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. ³⁴ Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

We expect households to be saved in this hour. Through the preaching of the gospel, speaking the word of the Lord, and baptism we will see entire families come to salvation in Jesus Christ!

Day 17 (1.25.23)

Read Acts Chapter 17

Focus Verse: Acts 17:23-28 For as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: *TO THE UNKNOWN GOD*. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, "For we are also His offspring."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we praise You, the One by whom all things were made. All things were made through You and for You! Thank You, Jesus, that every nation comes from one blood. We praise You for giving each people group a destiny that is unto knowing You!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Jesus, we worship You. In You dwells the fullness of God! Jesus, You are the preeminent One. We worship You, Jesus, the head of the body, the firstborn from the dead. We worship You, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation (Colossians 1:15-18).

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Jesus, we pray You would open the eyes of nations, that You are the One in whom we live and move and have our being. We pray for all people to understand and have the revelation that we are Your offspring. Fill our mouths with the wisdom of God, to preach the gospel in unreached nations, among unreached people groups worshipping idols, deceived by lies. You are not far from us. May all find You while You may be found (Isaiah 55:6).

Response Verse: Acts 17:29-34 Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." ³² And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." ³³ So Paul departed from among them. ³⁴ However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

We long for the day that You will judge the world in righteousness. May we find assurance of Your coming through increased faith in Your resurrection!

Day 18 (1.26.23)
Read Acts Chapter 18

Focus Verse: Acts 18:9-11 Now the Lord spoke to Paul in the night by a vision, "Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; ¹⁰ for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." ¹¹ And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we praise You for continuing to reveal Yourself to us even after we first believe. Jesus, we thank You for ensuring us that You are always near. We praise You for the nearness of Your name in our lives (Psalm 75:1).

Worship Jesus for who He is. Jesus, we worship You, the builder of Your church. You are ever present in the building of the church. Because of Your presence, we have the confidence in knowing that our labor is not in vain (Psalm 127:1).

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Jesus, we pray for missionaries, like Paul, who are seeking clarity. We pray that visions are released and that revelations of You increase. We ask for the release of clear direction and guidance over the missionaries. We pray for those who are isolated to encounter You in divine experiences which increase their awareness of how present You are, in Jesus name!

Response Verse: Acts 18:24-26 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. ²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. ²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Lord make us ready to disciple those who are young in the faith and are walking in the beginning of their calling and ministry. Make us sensitive to Your leadership to ensure everyone is poured into, unto maturity and growth, knowing Your ways more accurately.

Day 19 (1.27.23)
Read Acts Chapter 19

Focus Verse: Acts 19:11-12 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we praise You, the One to whom every miracle points. Jesus, we thank You that all power and authority is Yours and that You demonstrate Your power and authority through Your church.

Worship Jesus for who He is. We worship You, Jesus, the One who commissions us to go and preach the gospel of the Kingdom in Your name. We worship You, Jesus, the object of our faith, the Anointed Messiah, in hope that every sign and wonder ought to be revealed. We worship You, Jesus, the healer and the deliverer. Where would we be without You?

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Jesus, we pray for signs and wonders to increase in and through our lives. We pray that the reality of Your authority and power is regularly demonstrated. Help us to not be content in partiality of Your power and authority, not settling for the preaching of the gospel in word alone. We, like Paul, desire to see the Kingdom displayed when the gospel goes forth!

Response Verse: Acts 19:18-20 And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. ¹⁹ Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰ So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

We believe for the repentance and salvation in You alone, Jesus, to sweep across cities leading to the destruction of idols. May Your word, Lord, grow mighty and prevail in our cities!

Day 20 (1.28.23)
Read Acts Chapter 20

Focus Verse: Acts 20:32 “So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we praise You for Your obedience. Because of You we build up, mature, and grow into the children of God we were destined to become. We praise You, Jesus! Thank You for making a way for us to become co-heirs to the Kingdom with You. How can we ever praise You enough?

Worship Jesus for who He is. We worship You, Jesus, the Sanctifier of our souls. We worship You, Jesus, the Word from the beginning, eternally with God. We worship You, Jesus, the substance and revelation of the Father’s grace. Forever we will bow before You and lift up the offering of our lives to You!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Jesus, we pray for all in the body of Christ to come to the unity of faith and knowledge in You. Mature us to the measure and stature of the fullness of You, Jesus Christ! We pray that whatever is deterring or detaining us from taking the next steps in our growth and maturity as believers to be exposed and evicted from our lives, in Jesus name!

Response Verse: Acts 20:22-24 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me.²⁴ But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

We will not be moved by chains nor tribulations which may come our way as we advance Your Kingdom. We will finish our race with joy and testify to the gospel of the grace of God!

Day 21 (1.29.23)
Read Acts Chapter 21

Focus Verse: Acts 21:8-11 On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. ⁹ Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰ And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' "

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Jesus, we thank You and praise You for giving gifts to equip us for our works of service when you ascended to heaven. You led captivity captive and gave gifts to men revealing Yourself in the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:8-11). Jesus, we praise You for moving and speaking through prophetic words and the prophetic ministry. Jesus, we thank You for all of the ways You intended for the body of Christ to support and strengthen one another.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Jesus, we worship You, the One who shows us how to take up our cross and follow You. We worship You, Jesus, because You are the only King and God who shows Your love for Your people by suffering and dying for them. Because You did it first, Jesus, we can do it, too!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. We pray to You, Jesus, for the strength and willingness to go where You lead, even if it means suffering for Your name. We pray for the continued revelation of our worthiness, the promise that suffering leads to glory. Place on the inside of us the abundant grace to yield to Your will just as You yielded to the Father, no matter the cost. Amen!

Response Verse: Acts 21:13-14 Then Paul answered, "What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ So when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, "The will of the Lord be done."

Make us willing and ready, Lord, to be bound and to die for Your name, for Your gospel, for Your glory! You are worthy, Lord.