

28 Days With Jesus In The Book of Acts (Days 1-7)

Day 1 (1.8.24) Read Acts Chapter 1

Focus Verse: Acts 1:1-3 The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, **2** until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen, **3** to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus and give Him praise for being the innocent one, the one who suffered and died for the guilty. Thank Jesus for revealing Himself to the apostles making it clear that He is truly alive! He is not in the grave anymore! We love you Jesus, the living Messiah.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being our wounded Savior. Worship Jesus, even now, for bearing the marks of His suffering in His body. Worship Jesus, for being the resurrected King. Worship Jesus for being our Teacher and revealing the Kingdom of God to us.

Pray/Intercede for what only Jesus can do. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of the lost. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to the broken, the oppressed, the hurting, as the anointed One that heals, restores, forgives sins and saves.

Response Verse: Acts 1:6-8 Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" **7** And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. **8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Teach us to live as witnesses for You everywhere we go. You are worthy of our entire lives.

Day 2 (1.9.24) Read Acts Chapter 2

Focus Verse: Acts 2:23-33 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. **33** Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus for laying His life down in obedience to the Father (John 10:18). Thank Jesus for pouring out the Holy Spirit, the promise of the Father!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the exalted One, seated at the right hand of God. Lift up the name of Jesus, the name above every name. We bow before You, we humble ourselves before You, the Lamb of God seated on the throne (Revelation 7:17). **Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do**. Ask Jesus for the grace to submit to His leadership. Not only for yourselves but for the body of Christ in our city and beyond. Ask Jesus to expose any idols you have in your lives, anything you have allowed on the throne of your heart other than Him. Jesus, we pray for greater dependency on the Holy Spirit, and for our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit to increase greatly.

Response Verse: Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus we thank You for the gift of following You into the waters of baptism for the remission of our sins and for the privilege of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Day 3 (1.10.24) Read Acts Chapter 3

Focus Verse: Acts 3:14-16 But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, **15** and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses. **16** And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which *comes* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for enduring the shame of being denied by His own people. Thank Jesus for enduring the betrayal and disgrace of being rejected for a murderer. Praise Jesus for dying, and by dying, conquering death itself!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the Holy One forever. Lift up adoration to Jesus, the Prince of Life. Worship Jesus, through whom our faith comes. Worship Jesus for being the only One who can bring us into perfect soundness.

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus for increased faith. Ask Jesus to strengthen your faith where it is weak. Lift up in prayer family and friends who you know are struggling with doubt. Ask Jesus to reveal Himself in a fresh way, pray for faith to be awakened in a powerful way.

Response Verse: Acts 3:19-23 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, **20** and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, **21** whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. **22** For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. **23** And it shall be *that* every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.'

Through repentance, turning to You, we embrace the forgiveness of our sins and the refreshing that comes in Your presence. We give our ears to hear You Jesus, knowing that from the beginning of the world all things have been pointing us to You.

Day 4 (1.11.24) Read Acts Chapter 4

Focus Verse: Acts 4:10-12 Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. **11** This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' **12** Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Give thanks to Jesus today for His humanity. He lived in a real town. He has a real heritage; a real family and culture. Praise Jesus for the crucifixion that He experienced. Praise Jesus for the nails in His hands, the nails in His feet, the suffocation He went through on the cross. Thank Jesus for being the stone that was rejected, and praise Him for becoming our Chief Cornerstone! Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being our Salvation. We worship Your life, Jesus Christ of Nazareth! We worship Your name. Your name alone saves! Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to remove any apathy or indifference in your heart related to His cross; related to His suffering. Ask Jesus to bring wholeness to your life, to those around you. Jesus alone can heal us and make us whole. We thank you Jesus, that there is power in Your name!

Response Verse: Acts 4:29-31 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, **30** by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." **31** And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

Thank you, Jesus, for boldness. Help us to live it out daily with expectation for signs and wonders done by the power of Your Holy name!

Day 5 (1.12.24) Read Acts Chapter 5

Focus Verse: Acts 5:29-32 But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men. **30** The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. **31** God exalted Him to His own right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. **32** And we are His witnesses to these things, and *so* also *is* the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus for becoming a curse on a tree, redeeming us from the curse of the law (Galatians 3:13). Thak Jesus that because of our faith in Him we now have peace with God, we are justified, and we are righteous (Romans 5:1, 2 Cor. 5:21).

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the Prince and Savior of our lives. Worship Jesus, the Prince and Savior of Israel and the nations. Worship Jesus, the forgiver of sins. Worship Jesus, the baptizer of the Holy Spirit.

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of Israel to see Him as their redeemer. Intercede to Jesus for the salvation of Israel (Romans 10:1, 11:26). Pray that Israel and Jews around the world would experience the revelation that Jesus is the Prince and Savior they need to transform them, turning their hearts of stone into hearts of flesh (Ezekiel 36:26-27). Ask Jesus to give His Church a heart for His people Israel in this hour (Isaiah 62).

Response Verse: Acts 5:41-42 So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name. **42** And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* the Christ.

Oh, that we would count it as worthy to suffer for Your name!

Day 6 (1.13.24) Read Acts Chapter 6

Focus Verse: Acts 6:7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus for trusting His followers to share His word. Thank Jesus for choosing to advance His gospel through the testimonies and faith of those who give their lives to Him.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the one truly deserving of our obedience. Worship Jesus, the Lord of the harvest.

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Intercede and ask Jesus for those blinded by false religions, around the world and in our city. Ask Jesus to remove the scales from their eyes. Pray to Jesus, the Lord of the harvest, for a multiplication of disciples who make disciples. Pray specifically for Jerusalem, that the word of God would run swiftly (2 Thess. 3:1) and that the gospel would advance in Jerusalem like it did in Acts 6.

Response Verse: Acts 6:8-10 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. **9** Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. **10** And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

May we be like Stephen and preach Your gospel with boldness in the face of death. May we be filled with faith, power, executing great wonders and signs that bring You fame. May we be filled with so much wisdom and the power of Your Spirit that the revelation of who You are cannot be resisted!

Day 7 (1.14.24) Read Acts Chapter 7

Focus Verse: Acts 7:54-56 When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. **55** But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, **56** and said, "Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!"

Give thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus, the One in whose face the glory of God shines (2 Cor. 4:6). Thank Jesus for filling us with His Spirit that we might be able to stand in the face of persecution like Stephen in Acts 7, even unto death! **Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus, for being our chief Apostle (Hebrews 3:1) and Great High Priest (Hebrews 4:14). Worship Jesus, the One we cry out to in order to avenge the blood of His martyrs, those who give their lives for Him (Revelation 6:10). **Pray/Intercede for what He can do alone.** Intercede and ask Jesus for those around the world who face persecution daily for their faith in Him to be strengthened. Pray that they may be comforted, filled with the peace of God's Kingdom. Pray that they, like Stephen, would be overcome by God's presence, their mouths filled with the gospel and the revelation of who Jesus is to the very end! Pray that through their witness and testimony the world may know that Jesus is worth more than life itself. Pray for the Church to grow like never before in the earth because of the blood of those who give their lives for Jesus.

Response Verse: Acts 7:59-60 And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." **60** Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

May the sum of our lives testify of Your worth!