

# 28 Days With Jesus In The Book of Acts (Days 15-21) Day 15 (1.22.24) Read Acts Chapter 15

**Focus Verse: Acts 15:6-11** Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, <sup>9</sup> and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. <sup>10</sup> 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? <sup>11</sup> 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.** Praise Jesus for tearing down the wall of separation between Jew and Gentile. Praise Jesus for the grace that He has given us to become one new man in Him. Thank Jesus and give Him praise that now all nations, tribes, people and tongues (Revelation 7:9) can come to the Father through Him!

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus, the source of the new covenant, now and forever. Worship Jesus for being the good news that every nation desperately needs. Worship Jesus, the One through whom the Father has spoken in these last days. Worship Jesus 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.** Pray for the nations to believe the gospel as it is preached through His church. Lift up the nations that are at war, divided, and filled with hate towards one another (Israel/Gaza). Pray for the gospel to 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. <sup>15</sup> And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written: <sup>16</sup> "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; <sup>17</sup> 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 Jesus to receive a people for His name out of the nations of the earth. Restore the tabernacle of David through us that mankind may seek You, Lord.

### <u>Day 16 (1.23.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 16</u>

**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. <sup>7</sup> After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them. <sup>8</sup> So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. <sup>9</sup> 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." <sup>10</sup> 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.** Praise Jesus for His perfect leadership. Give thanks to Jesus for being present with us even in ministry. Give thanks to Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us in His will. Give praise to Jesus for the supernatural ways He moves in our lives, visions, dreams, and provides angelic assistance!

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

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Pray and ask Jesus for divine direction in every area of ministry. Intercede for the body of Christ, to have their ears, eyes, and senses open to the ways He desires to lead and direct us. May we hear the cries of the nations and know that Jesus is the solution. Ask Jesus to compel us to go be His hands and feet, doing His will alone, in His name.

Response Verse: Acts 16:29-34 Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. <sup>34</sup> 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 baptisms we will see entire families come to salvation in Jesus Christ!

### <u>Day 17 (1.24.24)</u> 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: <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. <sup>26</sup> 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, <sup>27</sup> 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; <sup>28</sup> 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.** Praise Jesus the One by whom all things were made. All things were made through Him and for Him! Thank Jesus, that every nation comes from one blood. Praise Jesus for giving each people group a destiny that is unto knowing Him! **Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus the creator of all things. In Him dwells the fullness of God! Jesus, is the preeminent One. Worship Him, the head of the body, the firstborn from the dead. We worship Jesus, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation (Colossians 1:15-18).

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Ask Jesus and pray for Him to open the eyes of the nations. Pray for the nations to see that Jesus is the One in whom we live and move and have our being. Pray and ask for all people to understand and have the revelation that we are His offspring. Ask Jesus to fill our mouths with the wisdom of God, to preach the gospel in unreached nations, among unreached people groups worshiping idols, and deceived by lies. Jesus is not far from them and desires to be made known to all. Pray that all find Jesus while He 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. <sup>30</sup> Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> 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." <sup>32</sup> And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." <sup>33</sup> So Paul departed from among them. <sup>34</sup> 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 (1.25.24) 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; <sup>10</sup> for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city." <sup>11</sup> And he continued there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

**Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done.** Praise Jesus for continuing to reveal Himself to us even after we first believe. Thank Jesus for ensuring us that He is always near. Praise Jesus for the nearness of His name in our lives (Psalm 75:1).

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

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Ask Jesus to strengthen missionaries, like Paul, who are seeking clarity. Pray to the Lord to release visions and that revelations of who He is increase. Ask Jesus for the release of clear direction and guidance over missionaries in the field. Pray for Jesus to comfort and strengthen those who are isolated. Ask Jesus to encounter missionaries with divine experiences which increase their awareness of how present He is!

**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. <sup>25</sup> 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. <sup>26</sup> 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.

### <u>Day 19 (1.26.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 19</u>

**Focus Verse: Acts 19:11-12** Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> 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.** Praise Jesus, the One to whom every miracle points. Thank Jesus for the fact that all power and authority is His and that He demonstrates His power and authority through His church.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus, the One who commissions us to go and preach the gospel of the Kingdom in His name. Worship Jesus, the object of our faith, the Anointed Messiah, in hope that every sign and wonder put on display reveals who He is to the world. Worship Jesus, our healer and our deliverer. Where would we be without Him?

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Ask Jesus for signs and wonders to increase in and through your life. Pray that the reality of His authority and power is regularly demonstrated. Pray for His help to not be content with an absence of His power and authority. Ask for His help to not settle for the preaching of the gospel in word alone but in power and demonstration. Pray that we, like Paul, would 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. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

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

### <u>Day 20 (1.27.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 20</u>

**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.** Praise Jesus for His obedience. Because of Him we are built up, mature, and grow into the children of God we were destined to become. Praise Jesus and thank Him for making a way for us to become co-heirs of the Kingdom. How can we ever praise Him enough?

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus, the Sanctifier of our souls. The One who makes us holy. Worship Jesus, the Word from the beginning, eternally with God. Worship Jesus, the substance and revelation of the Father's grace. Forever we will bow before Him and lift up the offering of our lives to Him!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Pray and ask Jesus for all in the body of Christ to come to unity of faith and knowledge in Him. Ask Jesus to mature us to the measure and stature of the fullness of Him! Pray that whatever is deterring us from taking 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, <sup>23</sup> except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. <sup>24</sup> 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 of the gospel and of the grace of God!

## Day 21 (1.28.24) 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. <sup>9</sup> Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. <sup>10</sup> And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. <sup>11</sup> 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.** Thank Jesus and praise Him for giving gifts to equip us for works of service when He ascended to heaven. He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men revealing Himself in the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:8-11). Praise Jesus for moving and speaking through prophetic words and the prophetic ministry. Thank Jesus for all of the ways He intends for the body of Christ to support and strengthen one another through the giving of spiritual gifts.

**Worship Jesus for who He is.** Worship Jesus, the One who shows us how to take up our cross and follow Him. Worship Jesus because He is the only King and God who shows His love for His people by suffering and dying for them. Because He demonstrated selfless love first, we can do it too!

**Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do.** Ask Jesus for the strength and willingness to go where He leads, even if it means suffering for His name. Pray for the continued revelation of the promise that suffering leads to glory. Ask Jesus to place on the inside of us abundant grace to yield to His will just as He 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." <sup>14</sup> 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.