

28 Days With Jesus In The Book of Acts (Days 8-14)

Day 8 (1.15.24) Read Acts Chapter 8

Focus Verse: Acts 8:32-35 This place in the Scripture which he read was this: "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. ³³ In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth. ³⁴ So the eunuch answered Philip and said, "I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?" ³⁵ Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for going to the cross as a sheep, as a lamb for us. Give praise to Jesus for being humiliated and having His justice taken away. Thank Jesus for His suffering, for not even opening His mouth. Give praise to Jesus for the price He paid. Praise Jesus for the path He walked leading to His death. His death alone, His blood alone, is able to save and redeem. Thank Jesus for fully offering Himself, holding nothing back for us.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for who He is as our suffering Savior of whom Isaiah prophesied. Jesus is the Messiah all the prophets foretold would come centuries before He became a man. Worship Him for coming. Worship Jesus for being the true and only Savior whom the Scriptures declared would be sent by God. Worship Jesus for being the man whom the Word of God preaches about on every page!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to release His Word through us, to reveal Himself to the lost and dying. Ask Jesus to open the eyes of the nations like the Ethiopian eunuch's eyes were opened. Ask Jesus to increase the spirit of evangelism in His church. Pray for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of the Lord to encounter the hearts of those seeking and desiring to know God.

Response Verse: Acts 8:36-37 Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" ³⁷ Then Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

We expect to see converts baptized in water as You are revealed, Jesus; that they believe with their whole heart. We believe that You, Jesus Christ, are truly the Son of God.

<u>Day 9 (1.16.24)</u> Read Acts Chapter 9

Focus Verse: Acts 9:15-16 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶ For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for choosing imperfect leaders like Paul to carry the assignment of sharing the gospel. Thank Jesus for seeing our imperfections and still calling us His "chosen vessels." Praise Jesus, for giving those who follow Him the privilege to suffer for His name's sake. What an honor!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus for being the only One worthy of our suffering. Worship Jesus for showing us the way of suffering that leads to glory. Worship Jesus, who is the prize of the gospel, the One whom the kings of this world, the nations, and the children of Israel will bow down before.

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to call upon and raise up a generation of leaders like Paul. Ask Jesus to use you to take His name and gospel before the nations, the kings of this world, and the children of Israel. Pray for Jesus to place a zeal in the hearts of His followers to suffer for His name. You are worthy, Jesus!!!

Response Verse: Acts 9:31 Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were edified. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, they were multiplied.

Help us to walk in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit.

May Your Church multiply!

Day 10 (1.17.24) Read Acts Chapter 10

Focus Verse: Acts 10:30-33 So Cornelius said, "Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing, ³¹ and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your alms are remembered in the sight of God. ³² Send therefore to Joppa and call Simon here, whose surname is Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he will speak to you.' ³³ So I sent to you immediately, and you have done well to come. Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus, the One through whom humanity is reconciled to God. Thank Jesus for sending the Promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit, who guides and leads us into all truth. Praise Jesus, that because of Him, all people everywhere can receive salvation and become sons and daughters of God.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the brightness of the glory of God. Worship Jesus, the express image of God. Worship Jesus, the One who upholds all things by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3).

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to send angels to those who are seeking God in truth like Cornelius. Worldwide there are people desiring to know Jesus, the true living God. Ask Jesus to release angelic messengers on assignment to reveal who He is to those who are getting saved. Pray that men and women in the body of Christ, like Peter in Acts 10, would hear the call to testify to those who are seeking Jesus around the world!

Response Verse: Acts 10:42-43 He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that He is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

Jesus, we hear the command to preach and testify that You are the One true Judge, that You alone have the power to forgive sins. We believe in You and will declare Your name alone.

<u>Day 11 (1.18.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 11</u>

Focus Verse: Acts 11:15-17 "As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. ¹⁶ Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷ So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for His obedience not only in His death, but also in His resurrection and ascension. He said, "It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7). Because Jesus left, now the Spirit of God can live in us. Jesus is not just with us, but He is in us!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the baptizer of the Holy Spirit and fire. Worship Jesus for fulfilling what He spoke in the gospel of John. "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38). Jesus made this possible, by sending the Holy Spirit. Forever we will worship Him for this and so much more!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask the Lord for every believer to walk in the power of the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pray and ask for those who have desired the baptism of the Holy Spirit to experience an encounter they will never forget. We cannot follow, preach the gospel, or advance His kingdom on our own. We need the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray for humility and the fear of the Lord to come to the Church. Pray for greater dependence, and for a fresh filling of His Spirit in Jesus name, Amen!

Response Verse: Acts 11:18 When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

Jesus, we are expectant for encounters with You that remove our objections and produce praise as we respond to how You are moving on the earth!

<u>Day 12 (1.19.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 12</u>

Focus Verse: Acts 12:7-11 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. ⁸ Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. ⁹ Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹ Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Thank Jesus for being the One who sends angels to assist and minister to those inheriting salvation (Hebrews 1:14). Praise Jesus for sending supernatural assistance when we need it in our lives. Thank Jesus, for the power of heaven manifesting in our lives as we follow Him and wholy submit to His leadership.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus the commander of heaven's armies. Worship Jesus, the One with all power and authority in heaven and on earth. Worship Jesus for never leaving us nor forsaking us. Worship Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, no matter the circumstances or conditions. Worship Jesus, the only One who can break our chains!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Ask Jesus to help those you know and even those you don't know going through impossible situations by sending supernatural assistance. Ask Jesus to set the captives free, to loose the chains of injustice. Ask Jesus to liberate the persecuted, bound, and oppressed. Pray for Jesus to dispatch angels, supernatural answers, solutions, and make a way where there is no way for His people!

Response Verse: Acts 12:12-16 So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying. ¹³ And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter's voice, because of her gladness she did not open the gate, but ran in and announced that Peter stood before the gate. ¹⁵ But they said to her, "You are beside yourself!" Yet she kept insisting that it was so. So they said, "It is his angel." ¹⁶ Now Peter continued knocking; and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished.

Make us a praying people. A people who pray for the supernatural, for the impossible. For nothing with You is impossible!

<u>Day 13 (1.20.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 13</u>

Focus Verse: Acts 13:20-25 "After that He gave them judges for about four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet. ²¹ And afterward they asked for a king; so God gave them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²² And when He had removed him, He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.' ²³ From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior – Jesus – ²⁴ after John had first preached, before His coming, the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. ²⁵ And as John was finishing his course, he said, 'Who do you think I am? I am not He. But behold, there comes One after me, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to loose.'

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus for being the fulfillment of the promise given to Israel. Praise Jesus for being the seed of David. Praise Jesus, the One who will sit on the throne of David forever. Thank Jesus for being the Savior of Israel. Praise, Jesus, for being the One who came after John the Baptist. Jesus is the one John the Baptist preached about whose sandals he felt unworthy to loose. There is no one like our Jesus!

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the King of Kings. Worship Jesus, the Son of David. Worship Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Worship Jesus, the One God raised up, the Savior of Israel and the Savior of the nations!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Pray for Jesus to raise up a generation of "John the Baptists" to point all people to Him. Ask Jesus to pour out His Spirit to empower preachers and carriers of the gospel like John the Baptist to make a path for Him. Ask Jesus to convict us, leading to repentance, for making ministry and preaching more about ourselves than Him. Pray for Jesus to help us be laid-down gospel carriers who cry out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord!"

Response Verse: Acts 13:48-52 Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was being spread throughout all the region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews stirred up the devout and prominent women and the chief men of the city, raised up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them, and came to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

We will stay filled with joy and the Holy Spirit as we preach, make disciples, and lift Your name, Jesus. Whether we are accepted or rejected, one thing remains: You are worthy!

<u>Day 14 (1.21.24)</u> <u>Read Acts Chapter 14</u>

Focus Verse: Acts 14:14-17 But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard this, they tore their clothes and ran in among the multitude, crying out ¹⁵ and saying, "Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them, ¹⁶ who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

Give Thanks/Praise for what Jesus has done. Praise Jesus for reconciling us to God. Thank Jesus, knowing that because of His sacrifice, our eyes are opened. No longer do we serve idols and useless things. Praise Jesus for His blood that has cleansed us and brought us newness of life, to serve the living God.

Worship Jesus for who He is. Worship Jesus, the evidence of the Father's mercy and justice. Worship Jesus for His cross, that makes clear that nothing was going to be withheld from us, even in our sin and rebellion (Romans 8:32). Worship Jesus for being the substance of the new covenant making known, and bearing witness to God who is holy. His arm is not too short to save, and we were not too far out of reach. Thank Him forever!

Pray/Intercede for what He alone can do. Pray for Jesus to expose idolatry in our generation. Ask Jesus to expose idolatry in His Church. Ask Jesus for a spirit of repentance from dead works, from worshiping created things, and that His kindness may draw all men to turn to Him. The One who loves immeasurably. We are confident in His desire that everyone be saved and that all come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4).

Response Verse: Acts 14:21-22 And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

We will preach the gospel and make many disciples in Your name. We will press forward and even through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God!