



Acts One Savior for All People Proclaimed to All People

Luke

1. Luke is called "the beloved physician" by Paul (Col. 4:14).
2. He wrote Luke & Acts to a Greek believer named Theophilus (Lk. 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-3) to clarify the gospel & its impact in the world.
3. Luke and Paul met in Troas where Luke joined Paul's mission effort (see Acts 16:8-11 & "we" in Acts 16:10-17; 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-37; 28:1-16).
4. He was a faithful traveling companion & doctor for Paul later in Paul's life (2 Tim. 4:11, Phm 24).
5. He was a faithful friend to Paul to the very end of his life (2 Tim. 4:11).
6. Literary style shows his education.
7. Historian & Theologian (Lk. 1:1-4).

The Gospel in Luke-Acts

In Luke the gospel message moves from Galilee to Jerusalem reaching all people vertically up & down the social scale.

In Acts the gospel message moves from Jerusalem to Rome reaching all people horizontally throughout the known world.

Peter/Paul Parallels

Peter	Event	Paul
2:22-29	Similar Sermon	13:26-41
3:1-10	Healing Lame Man	14:8-11
4:8	Filled w/ Spirit	13:9
5:15	Healing w/ shadow/cloth	19:12
8:17	Laying on Hands bring HS	19:6
8:18-24	Confronted a Sorcerer	13:6-11
9:36-41	Raised the Dead	20:9-12
12:6-11	Miraculous Release	16:25-41

Peter (Apostle to the Jews)

Paul (Apostle to the Gentiles)

Prologue and Purpose of the Acts 1:1-2	The Church Founded in Jerusalem	The Church Expanded from Jerusalem	The Church Expanded to the Gentiles	The Establishment of Pauline Apostleship	The Lord Glorified among the Gentiles	The Testimony of Christ Carried to Rome
1:1-2	1:3	6:7	6:8	9:31	9:32	12:24
Introduction: A continuing work for Theophilus - 1:1-2 Preparation for Pentecost: A Commission & a Replacement - 1:3-26 Pentecost & the Coming of the Holy Spirit: The Birth of the Church - 2:1-47 The Beginnings of Persecution - 3:1-4:31 Growth & Opposition from Within & Without - 4:32-6:6 Progress Report: Jerusalem Church Growing - 6:7	The Ministry & Martyrdom of Stephen: The Church Scattered - 6:8-8:3 The Ministry of Philip: The Church Released - 8:4-40 The Conversion of Paul - 9:1-30 Progress Report: Judea, Galilee, Samaria Growing - 9:31	The Conversion of Cornelius: The Gentile Mission Inaugurated- 9:32-11:18 The Church in Antioch: The Gentile Mission Center Established - 11:19-30 The Great Reversal: Martyrdom, Imprisonment, Deliverance, Justice - 12:1-23 (Herod Kills James & Imprisons Peter / God Releases Peter & Kills Herod) Progress Report: Gentile Church Growing - 12:24	The First Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Begins - 12:25-14:28 The Jerusalem Council: The Gentile Mission Validated - 15:1-35 The Team Divides: The Gentile Mission Expands - 15:36-16:4 Progress Report: Gentile Churches Growing Daily - 16:5	The Second Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Continues - 16:7-18:22 (Macedonia & Achaia: Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea, Athens, Corinth) The Third Missionary Journey: The Gentile Mission Strengthened - 18:23-19:19 (Apollos, Pricilla, Aquila, & Paul Equip the Church in Ephesus) Parenthesis: John the Baptist's Disciples Receive the Holy Spirit - 19:1-7 Progress Report: Gentile Churches Growing Widely - 19:20	The Decision: Go to Jerusalem and then to Rome - 19:21-22 The Riot in Ephesus: The Conflict of Powers - 19:23-41 Encouraging the Churches on the Way: Macedonia, Greece, Troas - 20:1-16) Paul & the Ephesian Elders in Miletus - 20:17-38 In Tyre & Caesarea: Agabus Prophesies Trouble in Jerusalem - 21:1-16 Paul in Jerusalem: Arrest and Self-Defense - 21:17-23:11 The Journey to Rome: Trials {Felix, Festus, Agrippa} and Travels - 23:12-28:10 Arrival and Ministry in Rome - 28:11-29 Progress Report: Gentile Churches Growing Widely - 28:30-31	
Jesus	Jerusalem	Judea Samaria	...to the ends (ἔσχατος) of the earth. (Acts 1:8)			

Two or Three Witnesses

The validity of the Global Christian Gospel is confirmed as Luke frequently uses the Old Testament standard of two or three witnesses for confirmation of truth (Deut. 19:15) by repeating themes & stories at critical places in Acts.

Luke, a companion and supporter of Paul's mission to the Gentiles, set forth the history of the followers of Jesus-empowered by the Holy Spirit-highlighting Peter, who opened the door of the gospel to the Gentiles, and Paul, who expanded the gospel to the ends of the earth, in order to demonstrate that the Global Scope & Mandate for the Gospel is not a new innovation but has always been the Ultimate Mission of God, Commission of Jesus and Priority of the Spirit.