



# NT SURVEY

## Acts – Purpose and Overview

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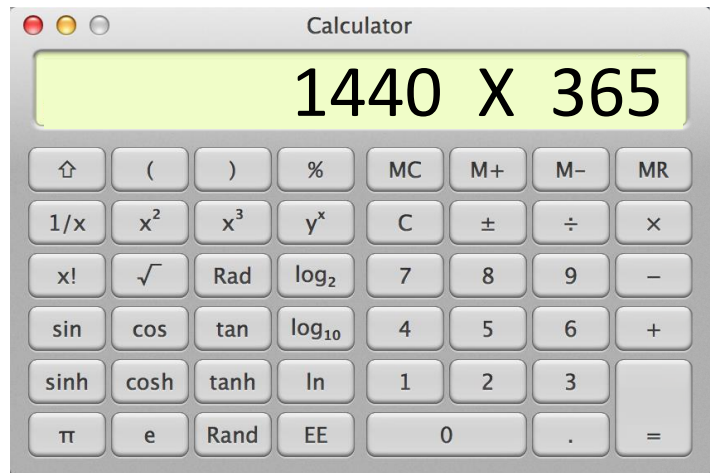
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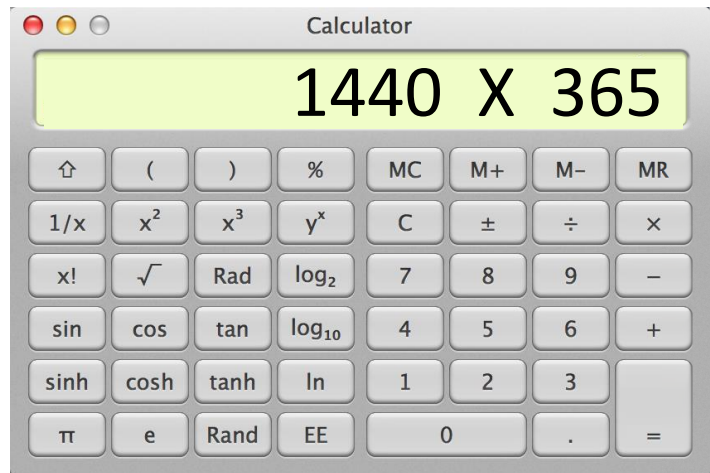
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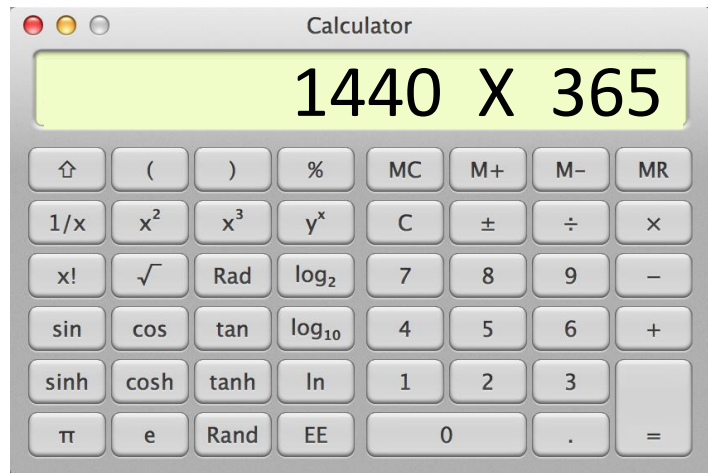
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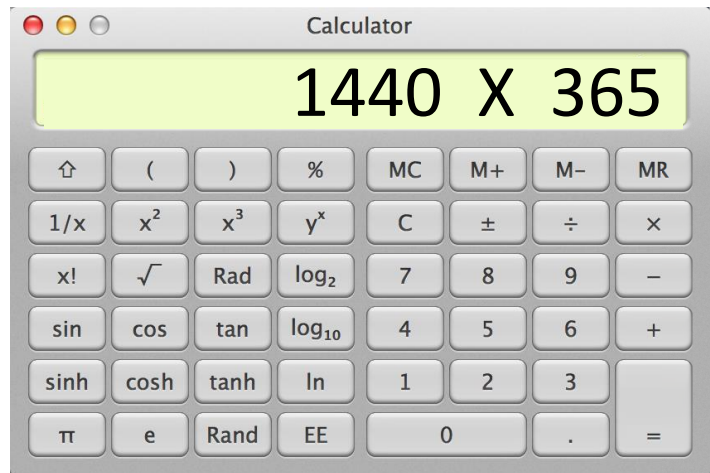
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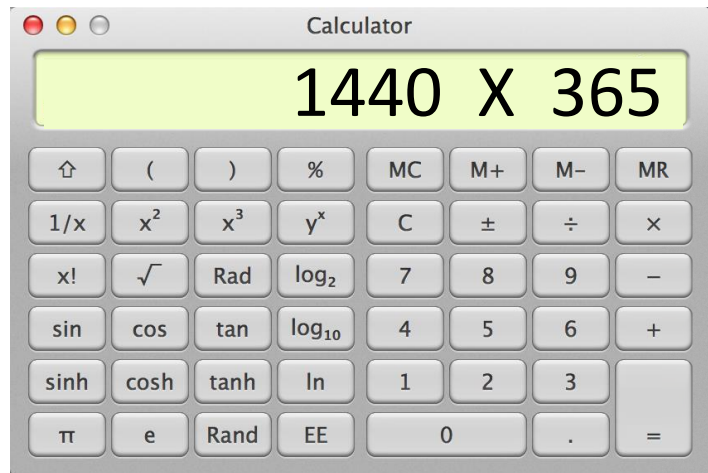
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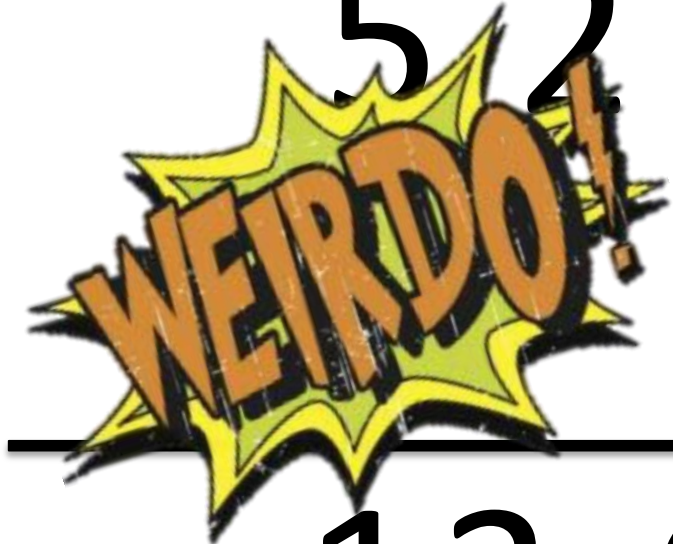
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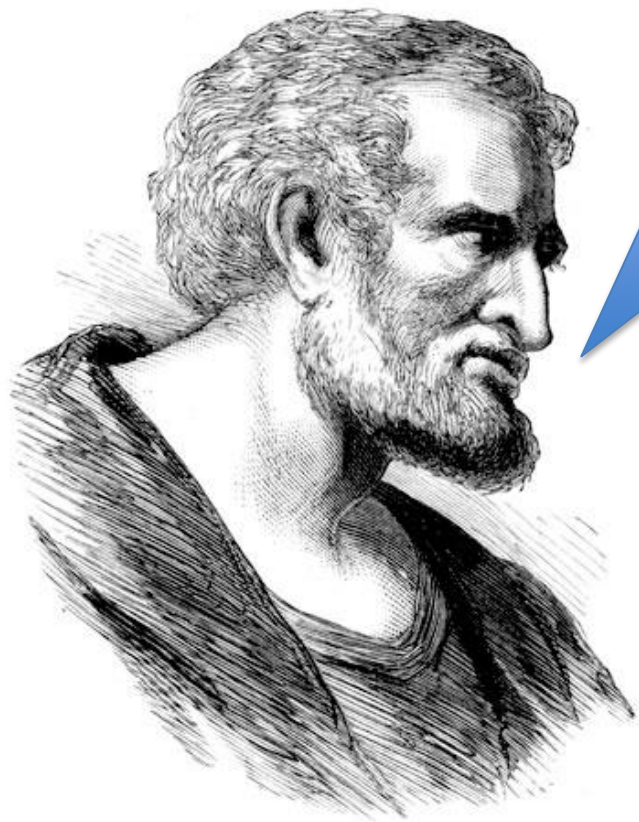
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this is what was uttered through  
the prophet Joel, “And *in the  
last days* it shall be...”

## THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

### Introduction

Acts picks up where the Gospels left off, recording the early progress of the gospel as Jesus's disciples took it from Jerusalem throughout Judea, Samaria, and the rest of the Mediterranean world. The story begins with Christ's ascension and the events of Pentecost. As Gentiles began responding to the gospel, the focus shifts to Paul and his missionary journeys. Acts forms a bridge between the four Gospels and the rest of the New Testament, showing how the apostles carried on Christ's work and providing a historical background for Romans through Revelation. The Acts of the Apostles is the second of two New Testament books written by Luke. Like the Gospel, Acts was a letter to Luke's friend Theophilus, written sometime in A.D. 62-64.

### The Promise of the Holy Spirit

**I**n the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by

when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men

with the women and Jesus, and his brothers. <sup>11</sup>In those days the brothers (there were about 120) as Scripture had said, the Holy Spirit spoke to David concerning his descendants, that one of them would be raised from the dead and would sit on the throne of David, and would bring in and establish the kingdom of God.

"May his kingdom come."

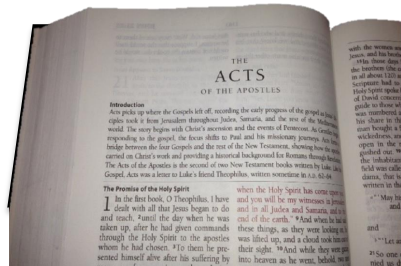
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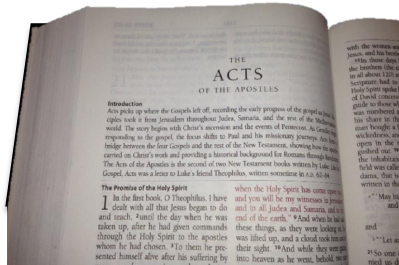
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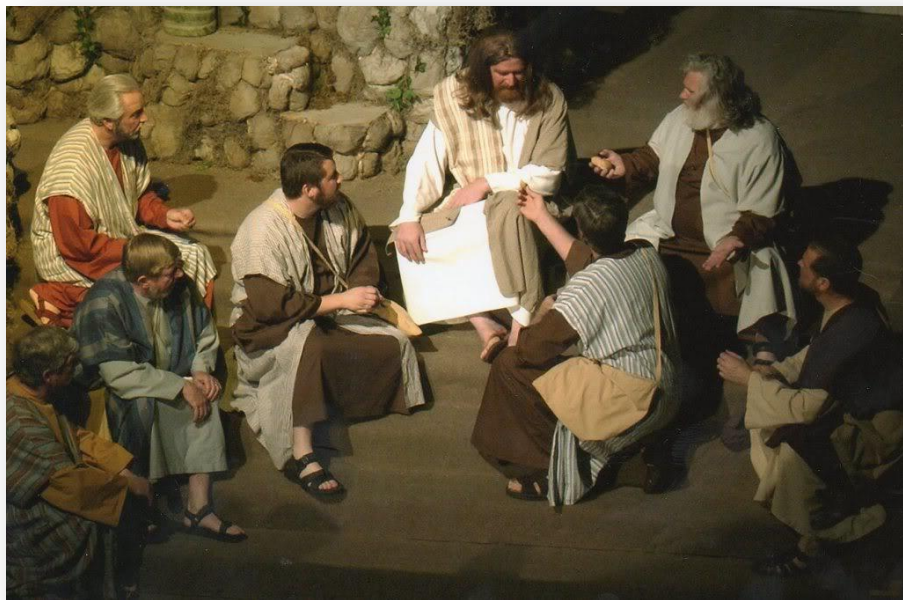




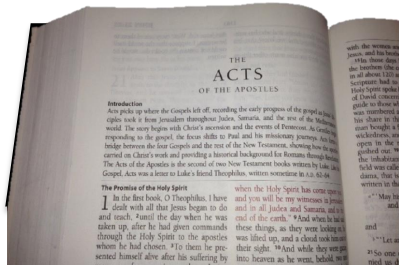
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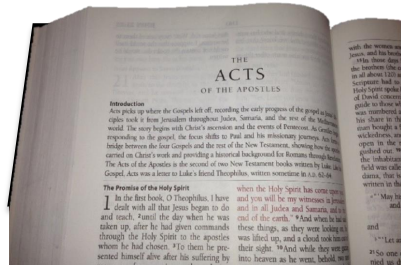
## The last instructions of Jesus



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Filling the  
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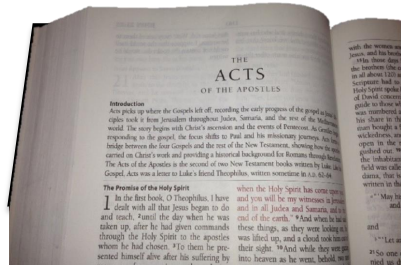


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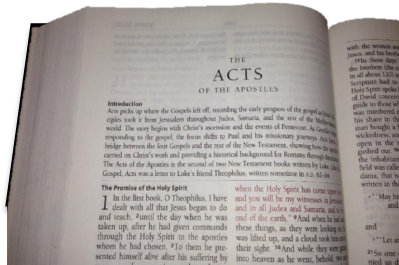




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## The choices at Pentecost

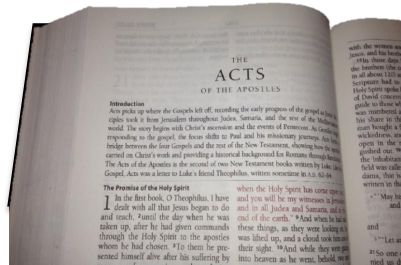


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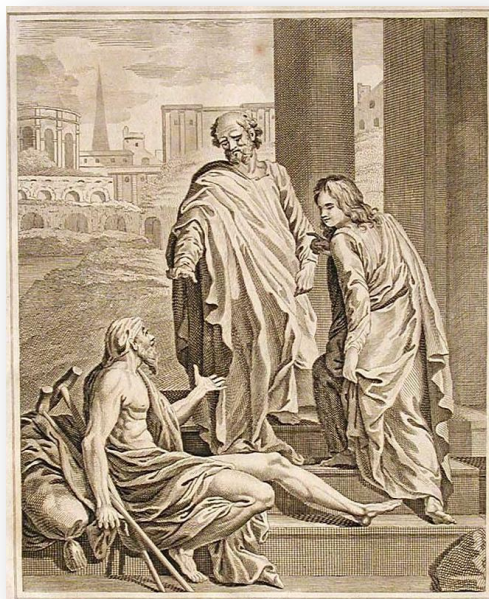


## The life of the early church

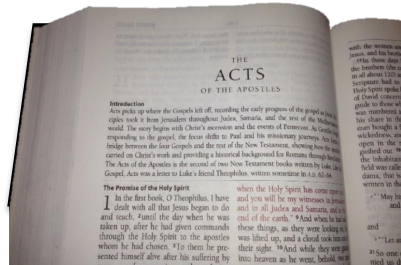




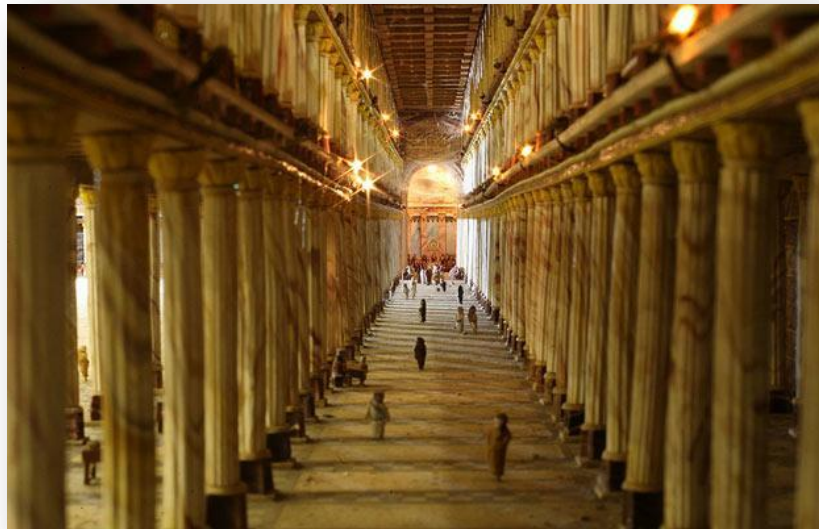
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## Peter, John and the lame man

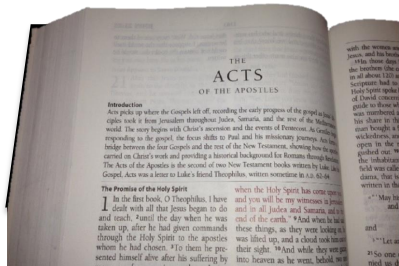


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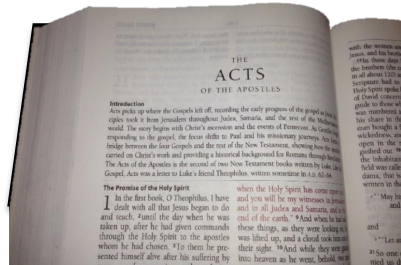
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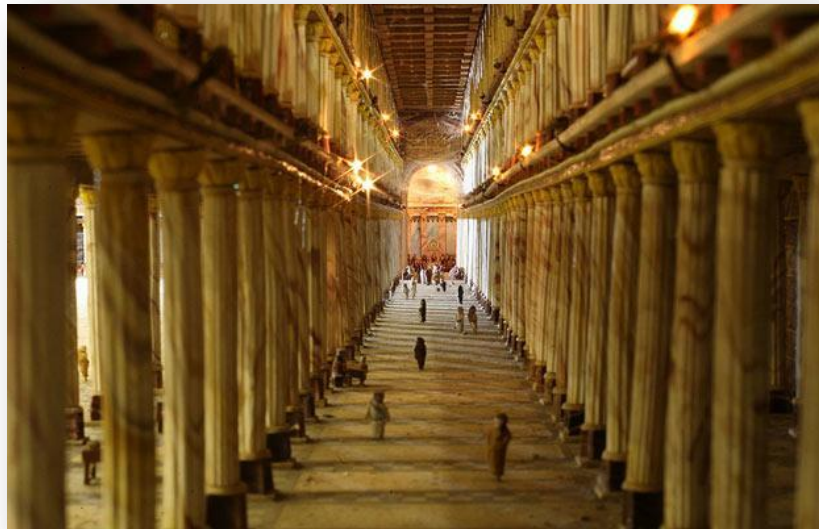


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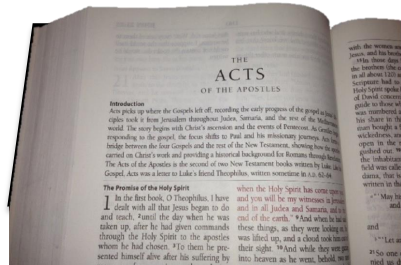
You denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong (Acts 3:14-15)



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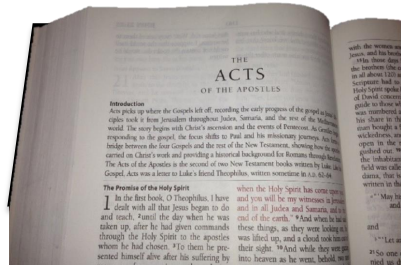
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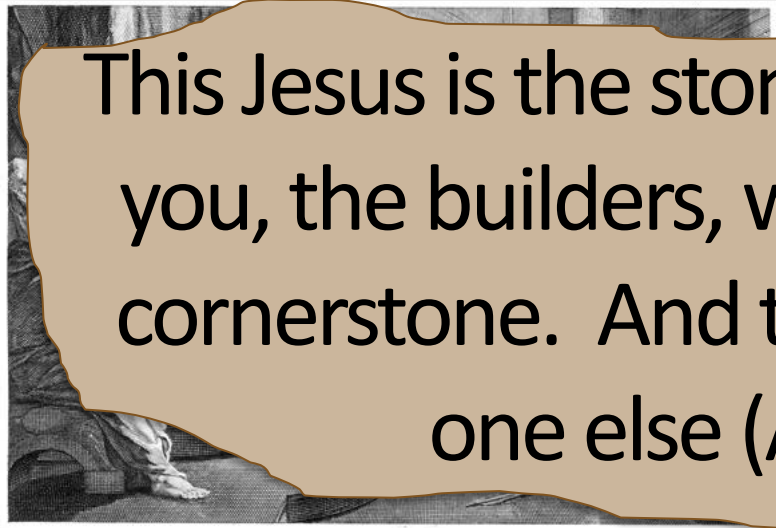


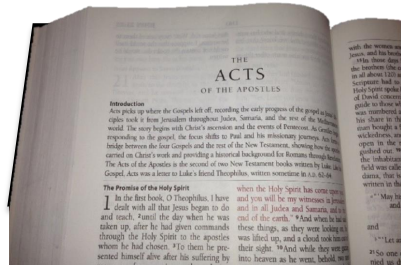
## Peter before the high priest and council



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This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else (Acts 4:11-12)

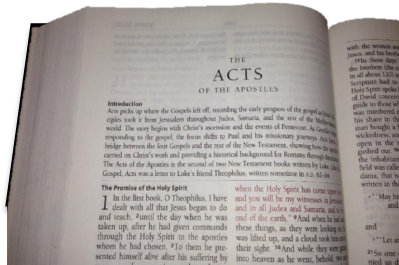




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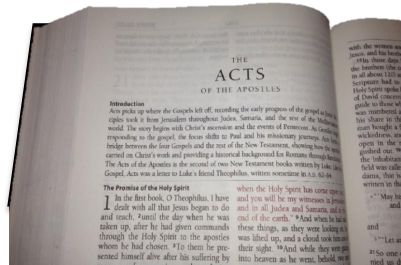
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Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard (Acts 4:20)

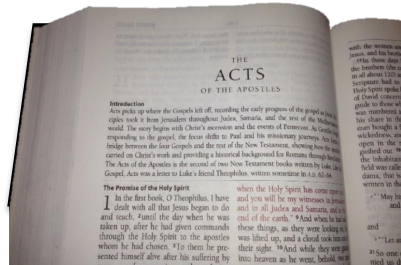




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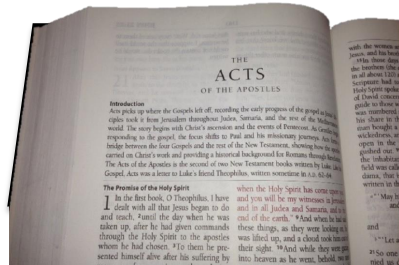


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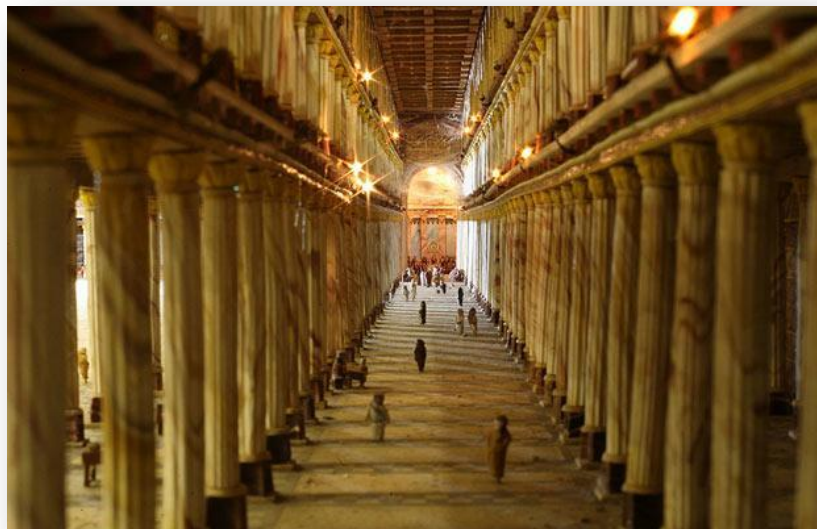


## The choices of Joseph, Ananias and Sapphira

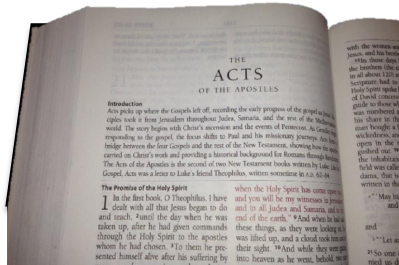




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## The continued apostolic preaching

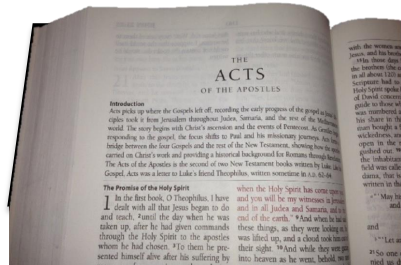


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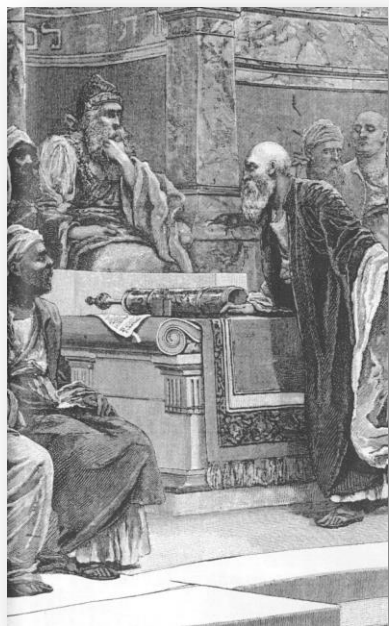


Stephen

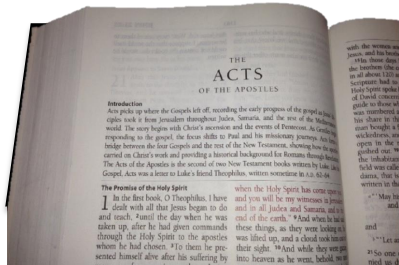
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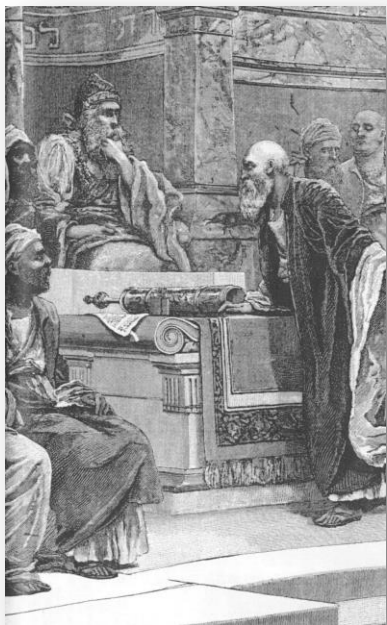
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## Stephen before the council and high priest

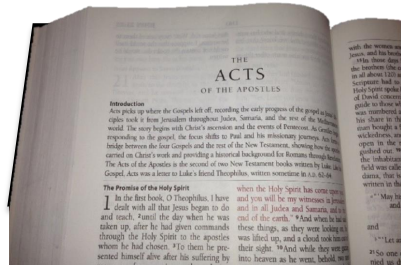


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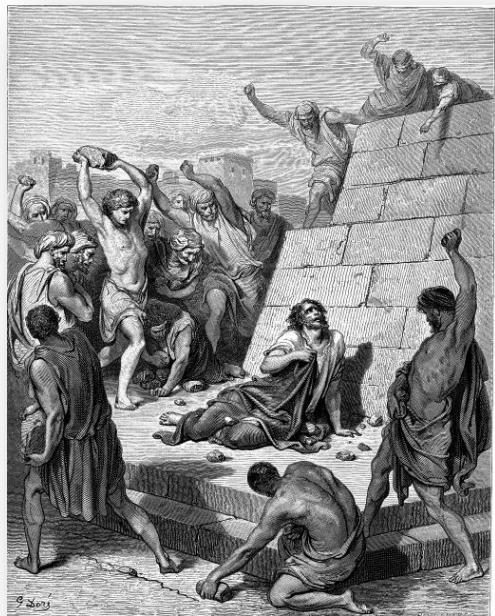


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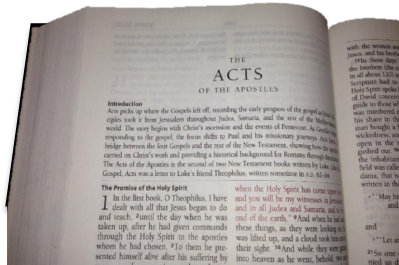
“This man never ceases to speak words against this **holy place** and the **law**”



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## The stoning of Stephen

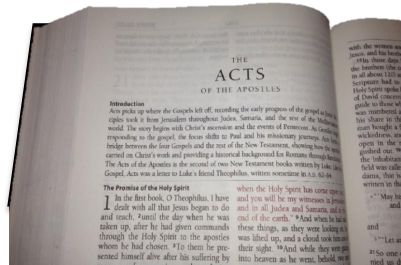


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# The gloves come off and the church is scattered

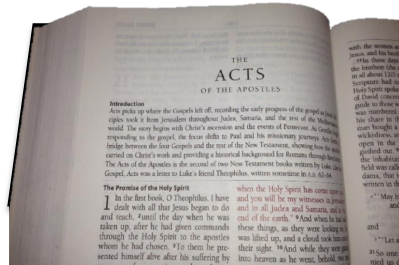




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## Philip, Samaria, and Simon the Magician

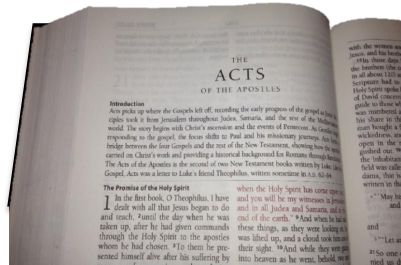


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## Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch

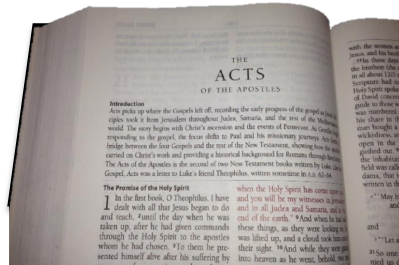




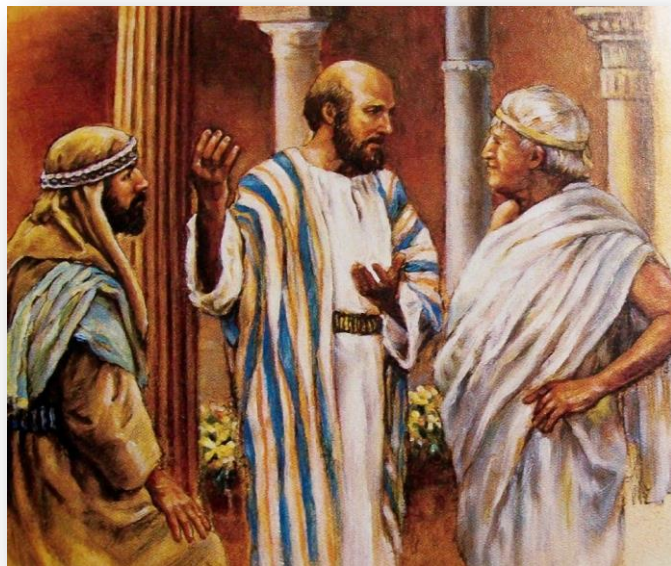
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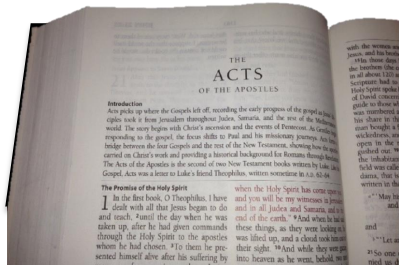
## Paul on the Damascus road



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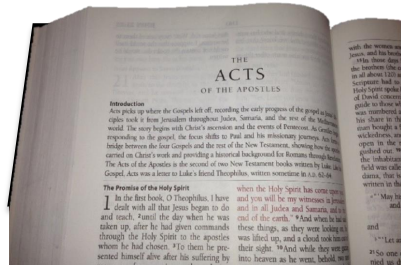


Paul, Barnabas  
and the church



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Points for Home

*“What shall we do?”*  
(Acts 2:37)





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Let's ask the question!



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“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life” (Acts 5:20)





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Let's follow the Lord's directives!





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“Barnabas took him and  
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apostles and declared to  
them how...”  
(Acts 9:27)



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Making right choices can get you a  
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