

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES QUESTIONS

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CHAPTER 1

1. What is the full title of Acts?
2. The book begins right after an important series of events: what are they?
3. Jesus gave the apostles a final instruction. What did he say? And what happened next?
4. To what city did the apostles go after the Ascension?
5. How was Matthias chosen to be an apostle? Whose place did he take?
6. Why did Peter conduct the election?

CHAPTER 2

1. Which came first, Pentecost or Ascension?
2. Describe the events of the coming of the Holy Ghost (four particular 'happenings').
3. When the people gathered to hear about his event, what surprised them?
4. Who originally said 'And it shall come to pass in the last days...I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh'? What was he talking about?
5. Who first said, 'Thou (God) wilt not leave my soul in hell...see corruption'. To whom did he refer?
6. Why did Peter tell the people that these two writers had been talking about Christ?
7. What did Peter tell the Jews they should do?
8. How many people were converted that day?
9. Name some characteristics of the first Christian community.

CHAPTER 3

1. Speaking in tongues preceded Peter's great sermon in chapter two. What miracle preceded his second great sermon?
2. How does Peter heal the man? What does he say about how the man was healed?
3. In this sermon what does Peter exhort the people to do?

CHAPTER 4

1. How many people had now come to believe in Our Lord?
2. Who apprehends Peter and John? What does Peter say that makes them angry?
3. What did the council tell the apostles to do?
4. When Peter and John returned to their own company, what happened?

CHAPTER 5

1. What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira?
2. Why were the apostles apprehended the second time?
3. Did they stay in prison?
4. Why did Peter disobey the order of the council not to preach in the Name of Jesus?
5. Who urged moderation in the council? What was he?
6. What punishment did the apostles receive?

CHAPTER 6

1. For what service were Stephen and six others selected?
2. With what ceremony were they selected?
3. In what ways was Stephen outstanding in the community?
4. Of what did the false witnesses accuse him?
5. What indicates that Stephen's speech in response was inspired by the Holy Ghost?

CHAPTER 7

1. Stephen told the council, 'As your fathers did, so do you.' What did their fathers do?
2. And what did the Jewish leaders of his day do?
3. What was Stephen's last action?
4. Why do you think the Roman government was not involved in the first wave of persecution against the Church?

CHAPTER 8

1. What happened immediately after the martyrdom of Stephen?
2. Who preached the good news of Christ to the Samaritans?
3. How did they receive it?
4. What did Peter and John add to the baptisms in Samaria?
5. What was Simon's sin?
6. Why did Philip leave Samaria?
7. What was God's plan for him on the road to Gaza?

CHAPTER 9

1. What was Saul's purpose in going to Damascus?
2. What was God's purpose for Saul (i.e. what did he tell Ananias that Saul had been chosen to do?)
3. What did Saul do after he regained his sight?
4. Where did Saul begin to preach?
5. Why did he leave? How?
6. Why were the disciples in Jerusalem afraid of Saul?
7. What miracle did Peter work at Lydda?
8. Who was Tabitha?
9. What did Peter do for her?

CHAPTER 10

1. What was Cornelius' job?
2. In what two acts did he show his piety?
3. What did the voice tell Peter after his vision of the animals?
4. Peter interpreted this to mean that he could do something further (not connected with eating) that the Jews had not been permitted to do. What was this?
5. What did those who came with Peter see that showed them that the Holy Spirit had indeed come upon the gentiles there?
6. What does 'those of the circumcision' mean?

CHAPTER 11

1. What saying of Jesus does Peter recall that he can now understand as supporting baptism of the gentiles?
2. Where next was the gospel preached to non-Jews? Who preached there?
3. What prophecy was made there?

CHAPTER 12

1. How did Herod persecute the Church at this time?
2. What did the angel who came to the prison do for Peter?
3. What did he tell Peter to do to himself?
4. Why was Herod struck dead?

CHAPTER 13

1. What were the Christians in the church at Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit spoke, telling them to set apart Paul and Barnabas?
2. What did Saul do to the sorcerer attached to the pro-consul on Cyprus?
3. What effect did this have on the pro-consul?
4. In both Cyprus and Pisidia Antioch, where was the first place Saul and Barnabas went to preach?
5. In Paul's speech at Pisidia Antioch, how did he say the inhabitants of Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecies?
6. How, did Paul say, had God fulfilled the promise made their fathers?
7. What did Paul say he would do when the Jews rejected the word he preached?

CHAPTER 14

1. What did the people of Lystra think of Paul and Barnabas when Paul cured the man lame from birth?
2. In each of the cities in this chapter, why did they have to leave?

CHAPTER 15

1. What question did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem to discuss?
2. Who said, 'Why then do you now try to test God by putting on the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?'
3. Which of the following restrictions did the Council decide were still necessary?
 - a) circumcision
 - b) abstaining from blood
 - c) not marrying foreigners
 - d) abstaining from pork
 - e) abstaining from things offered to idols
 - f) ritual hand washing
 - g) abstaining from anything strangled
 - h) avoiding immoral behaviour

CHAPTER 16

1. Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?
2. In what two ways did the churches improve?
3. How did Paul decide what cities to travel to?
4. Who insisted Paul stay in her house in Macedonia?
5. Why did the masters of the possessed girl bring Paul and Silas before the magistrates?
6. What did they accuse Paul and Silas of?
7. How were they freed from their imprisonment?
8. Why did the guard want to kill himself?
9. What did Paul want to be done before he would leave the prison?

CHAPTER 17

1. Paul and his companions went to Thessalonika. What did they do there and for how long?
2. What happened and why?
3. Next Paul went to Berea. How did the Jews there receive him?
4. What happened at Berea. Where did Paul go next?
5. Paul preached to the Athenians. What idea did he use to begin telling them about Jesus? Why did he use this rather than the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament?

CHAPTER 18

1. Was Paul successful with the Jews at Corinth?
2. What did Jesus tell Paul he should do?
3. Why did the Jews bring Paul before Gallio? What did Gallio say?
4. What did Apollo do for the Church?

CHAPTER 19

1. Had the members of the Church in Ephesus been baptised?
2. Paul found that after three months, certain members of the synagogue were hardened, speaking evil of the way of the Lord. What did he do?
3. Could anyone who wanted to perform a cure using the way of the Lord?
4. Why was the man Demetrius upset about the way of the Lord?
5. How did the town clerk quiet the tumult?

CHAPTER 20

1. Can you see in verse 4 a sign of the Catholicity of the Catholic Church?
2. What miracle did Paul do at Troas?
3. What are the most important points in Paul's discourse?

CHAPTER 21

1. Did Paul know what awaited him in Jerusalem?
2. What advice did those in Jerusalem give him?
3. Did this appease those who were angry with Paul?
4. What did those men intend to do to Paul? Why did they not do it?

CHAPTER 22

1. Paul spoke to the multitude and they listened until what point? Why did this point make them so angry?
2. The centurion was going to scourge and torture Paul. Why didn't he?

CHAPTER 23

1. What device did Paul use to deflect interest away from himself?
2. How did Paul escape from the plot of the Jews?
3. Where was Paul sent?
4. Did the governor hear Paul's case immediately?

CHAPTER 24

1. Who came to accuse Paul. Of what did they accuse him?
2. What was his defence?
3. What did Felix do?
4. Why do you think Felix seemed terrified by Paul's preaching?

CHAPTER 25

1. Felix asked if Paul would go to Jerusalem to be judged. Paul objected on what grounds?
2. What did Paul do then?
3. Who came and wished to hear Paul?

CHAPTER 26

1. What kind of Jew was Paul?
2. What did King Agrippa think of Paul's account?

CHAPTER 27

1. Did Paul go alone to Rome?
2. Did Paul think it advisable to sail from Crete? Was he right? How did he know?
3. How many people were in the ship? How many were saved?

CHAPTER 28

1. Why did the Melitians think Paul was a God?
2. Paul went to Rome and called together the local leaders of the Jews. He explained why he was there. He also told them about Jesus. Did they believe?
3. What did Paul say of them?