

# Acts is For Us: Acts is For Me

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*Sermon Outline: Sunday, October 8th, 2023*

## Introduction

### I. "Facts About Acts"

Acts 1:1- *"I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus..."*

- A. Date- Between A.D. 60 and A.D. 63
- B. Author- Luke
- C. Function- *"all that Jesus continued to do..."*

### II. Foundations of Acts

Acts 1:2- *"after he had given instructions through the Holy Spirit..."*

A. Theme verse- Acts 1:8

- 1. Chapters 1-7-  
Jesus at work by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles in Jerusalem
- 2. Chapters 8-12-  
Jesus at work by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles in Judea & Samaria
- 3. Chapters 13—28-  
Jesus at work by the Holy Spirit through the Apostles—the ends of the earth

B. Purpose- The edification of Christians  
— An illustration from archaeology

### III. Framework for Acts

Acts 1:3- *"After he had suffered, he also presented himself alive."*

A. Three *revelations* about the Church:

- 1. Jesus created the Church (Matthew 16:18)
- 2. Jesus is one with His Church (1 Corinthians 12:13)

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3. Jesus' hands, feet, and mouth is the Church (2 Corinthians 6:1)

B. Three *antagonists* facing the Church:

1. Prejudice- Unbelieving Jews

*Apply- What prejudices do I have that the Gospel leaves no room for?*

2. Personal agendas- Ananias and Sapphira, Simon Magus

*Apply- What personal agendas cloud my ability to see what God is up to?*

3. Pride- Felix and Agrippa

*Apply- Where has pride stood in the way of what God wants to do in my life?*

C. Three *lessons* for the Church today:

1. The Church's passion must be the Glory of God
2. The Church's governing principle must be loyalty to Christ
3. The Church's power must be the Holy Spirit

## IV. Conclusion