

Study Guide for *Lectures on the Acts of the Apostles*, by John Dick

Extra Reading for the course: "The Book of Acts"

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**READ CHAPTER 1-7 OF ACTS
AND LECTURES 1-9 OF THE COMMENTARY**

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. Who is credited as being the author of the book of Acts?
2. Was the writer of Acts an Apostle?
3. Does the author think that the Apostles were expecting the resurrection of Jesus?
4. How does the author answer the accusation that the resurrection of Jesus is a questionable historical fact, because the only people who reported it were interested followers?
5. According to the text, why did the disciples ask Jesus if He was going to "restore the kingdom to Israel at this time"?
6. Who is listed in chapter 1 of Acts as the recipient of the document?
7. The of Book of Acts is primarily about what?
8. How many days after His resurrection did Christ spend on earth with His apostles?
9. Before His ascension, Jesus sent His disciples to Jerusalem to await what?
10. By whose power did Jesus ascend into heaven?
11. John baptized with _____ but Jesus with _____.
12. Pentecost is a celebration in remembrance of what?
13. According to the text, what made the miracle of speaking in tongues so amazing?
14. What are the four activities of the church that are mentioned in Acts 2?

15. Why was the author of the Book of Acts so precise in explaining that the lame man who was healed lay beside the "Beautiful" gate, as opposed to just telling a story about some lame beggar who was healed?
16. _____ and _____ were forced to stand before the Sanhedrin to account for their healing of the lame man at the Beautiful gate.
17. What made the apostles' defense of the Christian faith so stunning to the Sanhedrin?
18. What was the issue that offended the Sadducees to the point of leading them to persecute Christians?
19. What made the sin of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) especially evil?
20. What was Gamaliel's counsel (Acts 5) regarding how the Sanhedrin should deal with Peter and John?
21. Did the Sanhedrin forbid the Apostles to speak about Jesus?
22. Acts 6 speaks of a disagreement between the "Grecians" and the Hebrews over the treatment of their widows. Who were the "Grecians" mentioned here?
23. What was the complaint of the "Grecians" in the church in Jerusalem?
24. How did they solve the problem regarding the Grecians in the church in Jerusalem (Acts 6)?
25. Of what did the Jews accuse Stephen?
26. When Stephen peered into heaven before his death, what did he see?
27. How did the Jews punish Stephen?
28. Those who were punishing Stephen left their clothes at the feet of a young man named _____, who was consenting to his death.

**READ CHAPTERS 8-15 OF ACTS
AND LECTURES 10-16 OF THE COMMENTARY**

REVIEW QUESTIONS:

29. For what purpose did Peter and John go to Samaria after Philip had preached the gospel there (Acts 8)?
30. What did Simon the magician offer Peter and John in Samaria (Acts 8)?
31. From which Ethiopia did the eunuch come, as mentioned in Acts 8?
32. Who was the man responsible for sharing the gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch?
33. What was the Ethiopian eunuch doing when the evangelist was sent to him?
34. What did the evangelist do when he realized that the Ethiopian eunuch had expressed saving faith (Acts 8)?
35. How does the author resolve the apparent contradiction between the account in Acts 9, where it says that those who were with Saul heard a voice, and Acts 22, where it says that they did not hear a voice?
36. According to the text, why did Paul exclaim, "Who are you Lord? (Acts 9)"
37. Does the author believe that Saul's temporary blindness was a natural result of the bright light he saw when Christ appeared to him?
38. After his conversion, what did Paul immediately begin to do in the synagogues?
39. What was the religious life of Cornelius like before he saw the vision?
40. What was God's purpose in showing Peter the sheet with all types of animals for him to eat (Acts 10)?
41. What supernatural event occurred with Cornelius and his household to show that they also had received the Holy Spirit (Acts 10)?
42. What church leader did Herod put to death by the sword (Acts 12)?
43. How did Peter escape from prison (Acts 12)?
44. When Rhoda told the people who were praying for Peter at the house of Mary that he was standing at the door, how did they react?

45. In what city was the gospel first preached to the Gentiles?
46. What was the reaction among the inhabitants of Lystra to the healing of the lame man (Acts 14)?
47. What problem led to the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15)?
48. According to the author, who participated in the decision process at the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)?
49. What was the decision of the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)?
50. Does the author believe that abstaining from things strangled and blood are moral principles binding on the Church in all ages?

**CHAPTERS 16-28 OF ACTS
AND LECTURES 17-29 OF THE COMMENTARY**

REVIEW QUESTIONS

51. Why did Paul have Timothy circumcised, according to the author?
52. Timothy's mother was Jewish or Greek?
53. What led Paul and Silas to go to Macedonia?
54. What was the demon-possessed girl from Philippi saying about Paul and his brethren (Acts 16)?
55. How did Paul deal with the demon possessed girl in Philippi (Acts 16)?
56. How did Paul and Silas escape from prison in Philippi (Acts 16)?
57. What did the Philippian jailor ask Paul and Silas (Acts 16)?
58. Where did Paul usually go first to preach when he visited a new city?
59. At the time of Paul, did the synagogues offer sacrifices according to the law of Moses?
60. What was the main subject of Paul's preaching?

61. Why were the Bereans considered "more noble than those in Thessalonica" (Acts 17)?
62. Did Paul use the Scriptures at the Aeropagus in Athens to defend the gospel in the same way as he did with the Jews in the synagogues?
63. About what city did an ancient writer say, "It is easier to find a god than a man"?
64. What did the Epicureans believe about God?
65. To what altar did Paul appeal at the Aeropagus in Athens?
66. What was Paul's first point in his discourse at the Aeropagus in Athens?
67. What point from Paul's preaching made the people from Athens especially mock Paul and laugh at him?
68. Did Paul call on the Athenians to repent?
69. What were the characteristics of the city of Corinth at the time of Paul?
70. Describe the goddess Venus.
71. One thousand _____ were dedicated to the service of Venus.
72. In general, did the Corinthian Jews respond well to Paul's preaching?
73. According to the author, in what sense had the disciples in Ephesus not heard of the Holy Spirit? (Acts 19)
74. What happened when the seven sons of Sceva tried to cast out evil spirits in the name of Jesus in Ephesus (Acts 19)?
75. What were the two main reasons that Demetrius and his companions wanted to stop Paul and his companions from preaching Christ in Ephesus, according to the author?
76. What did Paul tell the elders from Ephesus about returning to visit them (Acts 20)?
77. Does the author believe that Paul disobeyed a divine command of the Holy Spirit when he went to Jerusalem in spite of the warning?
78. What rumor about Paul offended the Zealots in Jerusalem (Acts 21)?

79. What misunderstanding of Paul's actions regarding purification ceremonies in the temple of Jerusalem led to the crowd trying to kill him (Acts 21)?
80. How did Paul respond when Ananias the high priest told the soldiers to smite him on the mouth (Acts 23)?
81. When they told Paul that he should not speak against the high priest, how did Paul respond (Acts 23)?
82. True or false? When Paul told the Sanhedrin that he was on trial for believing in the resurrection, the Pharisees became angry, because they did not believe in the resurrection (Acts 23).
83. True or false? Paul pleaded guilty of "heresy" before Felix, the governor of Judah (Acts 24).
84. Why did Festus send Paul to Rome to be tried?
85. What supernatural event happened on the Island of Malta which showed the natives that Paul was a man of God?
86. Who was the roman emperor when Paul was first in prison there?
87. What was Paul's situation in prison in Rome (Acts 28)?