Sermons in Acts

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# Sermons in Acts - Lessons List

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Lesson 1 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Name the author and recipient of Acts
- List the preachers we will be studying
- List a 5-point outline of Acts
- Give 2 reasons why this study is important
- List at least five themes we expect to find in the sermons in Acts
Why Study Sermons in Acts?

**1 Corinthians 1:20-21** Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

**John 17:17-20** "Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth. I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word…

**Hebrews 2:1-4** Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him. God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?
Outline of Acts*

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*From Tenney, New Testament Survey
Jesus’ Parting Instructions

Luke 24:25-27  Then He said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?” 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

Luke 24:44-47  Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. 46 Then He said to them, “Thus is it written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things.”

Acts 1:3  … to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.
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The Great Commission

**Repentance & Remission of Sins**
- Luke 24:47

**The Gospel**
- Mark 16:15

**Believe & Baptized, or Not Believe**
- Mark 16:16

Make Disciples, Baptized
- Matthew 28:19
Themes to Look For in Sermons

- Miracles & Signs of Jesus – With Witnesses
- Rejection by the Jews
- Resurrection of Jesus – With Witnesses
- Prophecies of the Christ (Messiah) Fulfilled in Jesus
  - Suffering Messiah
  - Resurrection
  - Coronation (Throne of David)
- Christ’s Current Reign in Heaven
- Coming Judgment
- God’s Control in Events
- Human Guilt Before God
- Forgiveness by Response to the Gospel
  - Requirement to Repent
  - Baptism
- Exclusivity of Truth
- Universality of the Gospel
Messages not Found

- An Appeal of Worldly Comfort or Success
- A Mission of Universal Benevolence
- A Call for Social Justice
- An Acceptance of All Religions
- Predictions of a Future Kingdom
Lesson 2 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the occasion that led to the sermon.
- List what the Jewish audience knew and understood before the sermon began.
- List the three arguments Peter makes to prove that Jesus is the Messiah.
- Give the Old Testament reference for the three prophecies that Peter uses.
- List four themes found in the sermon.
Pentecost Sermon Outline
Acts 2:14-40

14-21 – Explanation of Tongue-speaking
22-24 – Introduction of Jesus
25-36 – Prophecy of Resurrection & Coronation
38-40 – Instructions for Obedience
Two-step Proof...

The Prophets said the Messiah would...
- Be Opposed by Rulers
- Suffer & Be Killed
- Be Raised from the Dead
- Be Exalted to David’s Throne
- Provide Forgiveness of Sins
- Bring in All Nations

Jesus was...
- Opposed
- Crucified
- Raised the 3rd Day
- Exalted to David’s Throne (God’s right hand)
- Providing Forgiveness of Sins
- Bringing in All Nations

...Explaining and demonstrating that the Christ had to suffer and rise again from the dead, and saying, “This Jesus whom I preach to you is the Christ.” (Acts 17:3)
The Great Commission

**Man’s Response**

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**Scriptures**

- **Matthew 28:19**
- **Mark 16:16**
- **Luke 24:47**
- **Acts 2:38**
Lesson 3 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the occasion that led to the sermon.
- List the two Old Testament references Peter uses to prove that Jesus is the Christ.
- List four similarities and 2 differences between this sermon and the one on Pentecost.
- List three ways Jesus is like Moses.
- List four of the themes found in this sermon.
Outline of Peter’s Sermon (Acts 3:11-26)

3:12-16 – Explanation of the Miracle (plus…)
3:17-21 – Call to Repentance
3:22-24 – Moses’ Prophecy: A Prophet to Come
3:25-26 – Prophecy to Abraham: Seed Blessing
Beautiful Gate
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Timeline of the Kingdom

**Acts 3**
- Jesus Glorified
- Sins Blotted Out
- Times of Refreshing
- Jesus Sent
- Restoration of all things

*Heaven Receives Until…*

**Acts 2**
- Jesus Raised up
- Remission of Sins
- Gift of the Holy Spirit (?)
- Coming of the Great & Notable Day of the Lord (?)

*Exalted to the Right Hand of God…*
Both Jesus & Moses...

- Were Raised up by God from among Israel
- Were Prophets, Speaking for God
- Had to be Listened to... or God would punish.

Also...

- Were Rejected by Their own People.
- Led a Chosen People to Salvation.
Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed done to the helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be know to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’ Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (Acts 4:8-12)

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” (Acts 5:29-32)
Lesson 4 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the occasion that led to the sermon.
- List the charges made against Stephen.
- List the Old Testament leaders that Stephen mentions.
- List the underlying theme of the sermon.
- List 4 of the common themes found in this sermon.
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*From Tenney, *New Testament Survey*
The Charges Against Stephen

- Blasphemy Against Moses & God (v 11)
- Blasphemy Against the Holy Place & Law (v 13)
- Said, “Jesus will:
  - Destroy this Place, and
  - Change the Customs Moses Delivered” (v 14)

Charges:
Moses (the Law)
This Place (Land & Temple)
Outline of Stephen’s Defense

7:2-8  Call & Promise to Abraham
7:9-16 Joseph Brings Israelites to Egypt
7:17-36 Moses Delivers Israelites from Egypt
7:37-43 The Israelites Rebel Against Moses
7:44-50 The House of God
7:51-53 Israel’s Consistent Rejection of God

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Moses (the Law)
This Place (Land & Temple)
The Promise to Abraham

**Promise to Abraham about his descendants (Acts 7:5-7)**

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The Underlying Message

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Rejected by Brethren (Went Away for a while) Exalted to Power by God Appeared Again as Savior

Rejected by Brethren (Went Away for a while) Selected & Made a Ruler by God Appeared Again as a Savior Fathers Disobeyed *His Law*
What about “the Place”

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- God doesn’t Dwell in Temples!
- “The Place” is Lost by Disobedience!
- God Wants Humble Obedience!
- (Isaiah 66)
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Lesson 5 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the circumstances and preparation God made to bring Peter to Cornelius’ house.
- Explain the significance of the Holy Spirit falling on Cornelius and his household.
- List at least four of our themes found in the sermon.
Herodian Amphitheatre in Caesarea
Ruins in Caesarea
Aquaduct in Caesarea
Outline of Peter’s Sermon (Acts 10:11-26)

10:34,35 God’s Impartiality
10:36-38 The Word of Jesus’ Ministry
10:39-41 Witnessed Death & Resurrection
10:42,43 Message of Judgment & Forgiveness
10:47 Instructions for Obedience
The Same Story

**Acts 3**
- Jesus Glorified
- Sins Blotted Out
- Times of Refreshing
- Jesus Sent
- Restoration of all things

**Acts 10**
- Jesus Raised Up
- Remission of Sins
- Jesus, Judge of Living & Dead

Heaven Receives Until…
**Baptism of the Holy Spirit**

Acts 1:5 – “You shall be…Baptized in the Holy Spirit Not many Days Hence”

Acts 2:33 – … “has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear”

Acts 10:44 – “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message”

Acts 11:15,16 – “…the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ”

Acts 15:7 - "Brothers, you know that some time ago God made a choice among you that the Gentiles might hear from my lips the message of the gospel and believe. 8God, who knows the heart, showed that he accepted them by giving the Holy Spirit to them, just as he did to us. 9He made no distinction between us and them..."
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Lesson 6 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the setting and audience for this sermon.
- List the events in Israel’s history that Paul mentions.
- List at least three OT references made in the sermon.
- Explain how the sermon is suited for Jews & Gentiles.
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Street in Antioch of Pisidia
Outline of Paul’s Sermon (Acts 13:16-48)

13:16-22 – History of Israel (Jacob to David)
13:23-25 – The Coming of Jesus, the Savior
13:26-31 – Jews Fulfilled Prophecies of Jesus (Condemnation, Death, Burial)
13:32-37 – Resurrection Prophecies Fulfilled
13:38-41 – Remission of Sins, Apart from Law
Brief History of Messianic Hope

God...

Raised up David (with a promise)
Gave Saul, then removed him
Gave Judges, Until Samuel
Distributed Land
Destroyed Nations in Canaan
Put up with them in the Wilderness
Exalted/Brought out of Egypt
Chose the Fathers

Lord, where are Your former lovingkindnesses, which you swore to David in Your truth? (Ps 89:49)

Raised up for Israel, a Savior: Jesus

• Greater than John
• Fulfilled Prophecy in His Death (27)
• God Raised from the Dead (30)
• God’s Son (33)
• Fulfilled Promises to David (34-36)
• Brings Forgiveness (38)
• Must Be Believed to Escape Judgment (40,41)

God…
Themes in Acts Sermons

chapter 13 – Paul at Antioch of Pisidia

Miracles

Rejection by Jews

Resurrection

Prophecies…
  Suffering Messiah
  Resurrection
  Coronation

Reign in Heaven

Judgment

God’s Control

Human Guilt

Forgiveness
  Repentance
  Baptism

Exclusivity

Universality

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27 - Jews … Condemned Him

30, 31 - God Raised Him…witnesses

32 - Promise made to the fathers

27,28 – Condemned though no cause

35 – “…not allow Holy one to see…"

33 – “…Today I have begotten You”

33,34 – “You are my son…”

40,41 - “I will work … in your days…"

17-23 - God <did lots of things>…

39 - Could not be justified by the Law

38 - Thru this Man is preached…

24 - (John’s baptism of repentance)

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46 – Reject→Unworthy of everl. life…

47 - …A light to the Gentiles

39 - By Him, everyone who believes…
(Unexcavated) Site of Lystra
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Lesson 8 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

- Describe the circumstances and settings of both sermons.
- List arguments made for the non-physical nature of God.
- List at least one sin for which pagans will be judged.
Agora of Athens

Acropolis
Areopagus = “Hill of Mars”
Philosophers of Athens

- Zeno & Epicurus’ teaching grew out of Socrates & Plato’s emphasis on development of the “Inner Self”.

**Epicureanism**
- Taught by Epicurus (340-272 BC)
- Atheistic / materialistic (physical-only world, formed by chance)
- Mocked the popular mythology of the gods
- Highest aim of life: gratification (pleasure, not duty)
- No life after death (body reabsorbed into the physical elements)
- No values exist to place one form of gratification over another

**Stoicism**
- Taught by Zeno (336-260 BC) at the “Porch” (Stoa)
- Pantheists (disapproved of images & temples—as other than art)
- God is the Universe’s “Spirit of Reason”, inseparable from matter
- After Death: Man’s soul is (re)absorbed into “God” (or burned)
- Moral Code: Be superior to passions, above pain & pleasure
- Human Reason is the only guide for good & evil
Misconceptions of God

- **No God**
- **Physical God**: Exists only in nature
- **Distant God**: Not involved in affairs of men
- **Limited God**: Confined in space & time
- **Subservient God**: Dependent on man’s actions, or accountable to man’s expectations
- **Imaginary God**: Product of man’s devising
- **Morally Neutral God**: Unconcerned with, & non-responsive to man’s character & behavior
Outline of Paul’s Sermon in Athens
(Acts 17:22-31)

17:22-23 – Introduction of Unknown God
17:24-28 – God & His Relation to Men
17:29-31 – Responsibility of Man to God
The God Made Known by Paul

- Made the world & everything in it.
- Is Lord (Owner/Master) of Heaven & Earth.
- Is not confined by space or time.
- Is not dependent on man.
- Made men:
  - Dependent on Him.
  - Of one type (nature).
  - Bounded in space & time.
  - To seek Him.
- Is not far from us.
- Controls all life, action, & existence.
Can God Break Through?

God (Supernatural)

Made World & Everything In It (24)
Lord of Heaven & Earth: Gives... All Things (25)
Made Bounds to Man’s Habitation (26)
Not Far Away (Sustains) Life, Action, & Existence (27,28)
Now Commands Repentance (30)
Will Judge the World (31)

Men (In the Natural World)

“He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”

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Themes in Acts Sermons

chapter 17 – Paul at Areopagus

Miracles --
Rejection by Jews --
Resurrection 31 – Given Assurance: Resurrection
Prophecies… --
  Suffering Messiah --
  Resurrection --
  Coronation --
Reign in Heaven --
Judgment 31 – Appointed a Day to Judge…
God’s Control 26 – Determined Seasons & Bounds
Human Guilt 30 – Ignorance formerly overlooked
Forgiveness --
  Repentance 30 – Commands men to repent
  Baptism --
Exclusivity 29 – Ought not to think…
  30 – Times of Ignorance → Repent!
Universality 30 – Commands all men, everywhere
  31 – Will judge the World..
Lesson 9 Objectives

At the end of the study, the student will be able to:

● Describe the circumstances, location, & audience of the sermon.
● List the two dangers Paul predicted would be coming upon the Church.
● List the life examples Paul set among the Ephesians.
Miletus
Model of Miletus
Agora of Miletus (from North)
North Agora (Miletus) – from the East
North Agora (Miletus) – from the East
Outline of Paul’s Discussion in Miletus (Acts 20:17-35)

20:18-21 – Paul’s Work (Retrospective)
20:22-27 – Paul’s Future
20:28-31 – Their Future: Danger
20:32-35 – Exhortation to Follow Paul’s Example & Teaching
Description of Paul’s Teaching to the Ephesians

20 – [Everything] Helpful
21 – Repentance toward God and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ
24 – Gospel of the Grace of God
25 – The Kingdom
27 – The whole Counsel of God
32 – The Word of His Grace
Paul’s Example

19 – Served with Humility, Tears, Trials

21 – Kept Back Nothing; Proclaimed it Taught Publicly & House to House

24 – Did not Value Own Life; Worked to fulfill ministry: to testify

27 – Shunned not to Declare the Whole Council of God

31 – Watched & Warned Everyone, Night & Day, with Tears

33 – Supported Self & Others

34 – Supported the Weak
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**Chapter 20 – Paul at Miletus (Ephesian Elders)**

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Lesson 9 Objectives

*At the end of the study, the student will be able to:*

- Describe the circumstances, location, & audience.
- List the key points of Paul’s autobiography given.
- List the evidence Paul presents to Agrippa.
Outline of Acts*

I. Introduction  (1:1-11)  
   - Ascension & Coming of Holy Spirit

II. Origin of the Church: Jerusalem (1:12-8:3)  
   - Stephen’s Death & Persecution

III. Period of Transition: Samaria (8:4-11:18)  
   - Gentile (Cornelius) Conversion

IV. Expansion to the Gentiles  (11:19-21:16)  
   - Paul’s Mission: Antioch & the Empire  
     - Paul’s Arrest

V. Imprisonment & Defense of Paul (21:17-28:31)  
   - Caesarea & Rome

*From Tenney, New Testament Survey
Timeline of Paul’s Incarceration

Acts 21:26 – Paul Arrested on 7th Day in Temple, after Jews recognized him and sought to kill him.
Acts 21:31-36 – Paul Rescued by Roman Soldiers
Acts 22:22 – Paul speaks to Jews, who called for his death upon his mention of Gentiles
Acts 23:1-10 – Paul Examined by Commander, with Sanhedrin Present
Acts 23:11-35 – Plot of Jews to kill Paul foiled by trip to Antipatris, Caesarea by Night
Acts 24:1-21 – Paul’s hearing before Felix (Tertullus prosecuting)
Acts 24:22-27 – Two years of Procrastination by Felix
Acts 24:27 – Felix Replaced by Festus
Acts 25:1-12 – Attempt by Jews to get Paul back to Jerusalem foiled by Paul’s appeal to Caesar.
Paul’s Journey To Caesarea

Sea of Galilee

Caesarea

Antipatris

Jerusalem

Dead Sea

Jordan River

Mediterranean

Paul’s Journey to Caesarea

Acts 23:1-35

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Caesarea Street
Pontius Pilate Headquarters (?) -- Caesarea
Paul before Agrippa & Festus
(Acts 26:1-29)

26:2,3 – Salutation
26:4-11 – Paul’s Pre-Conversion Life
26:12-18 – Paul’s Conversion
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