

The Acts of the Apostles

“And upon this rock I will build My Church”

Its Author

Date and Place of Writing

Purpose of Writing

The Themes of the Book of Acts

- **The Holy Spirit**
- **The Universality of the Gospel Message**
- **The Transition of Christianity from a Jewish Sect to a Predominately Gentile Movement**
- **The Relationship Between Christianity and Judaism**
- **The Apostle Peter with the Apostle Paul**

The Purpose for the Book of Acts

Luke, tracing through its major leaders, composed a well ordered account of the divinely guided expansion of the Jesus movement as it unstopably and steadily, in spite of much opposition and resistance, progressed through the inroads made by the gospel message into all spheres of human existence from Jew to Gentile and from Palestine to center of the empire.

The Value of Acts to Christian History and Study

Outline of Acts of the Apostles

- I. The Prologue (1:1-8)
- II. The Founding of the Church in Jerusalem (1:9-8:3)
- III. The Growth and Expansion of the Church in Judea and Samaria (8:4-12:25)
- IV. The Growth and Expansion of the Church to the Ends of the Earth (13:1-28:31)