

THREE MEMORIES

Acts 2:22-41

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“God has raised this Jesus to life, as we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted at the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear . . . Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”
Acts 2:32-33 (Peter’s Pentecost sermon)

Peter’s message

1) Two events: _____

²³ This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

Acts 2:23-24

1) Two witnesses: _____

³¹ Seeing what was ahead, [David] spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

Acts 2:31-32

1) Two responses: _____

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ

Acts 2:1-4

1) Two promises: _____

³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Acts 2:1-4

Why memory matters

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²⁵ *He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.*

5 *Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.*

⁶ *You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

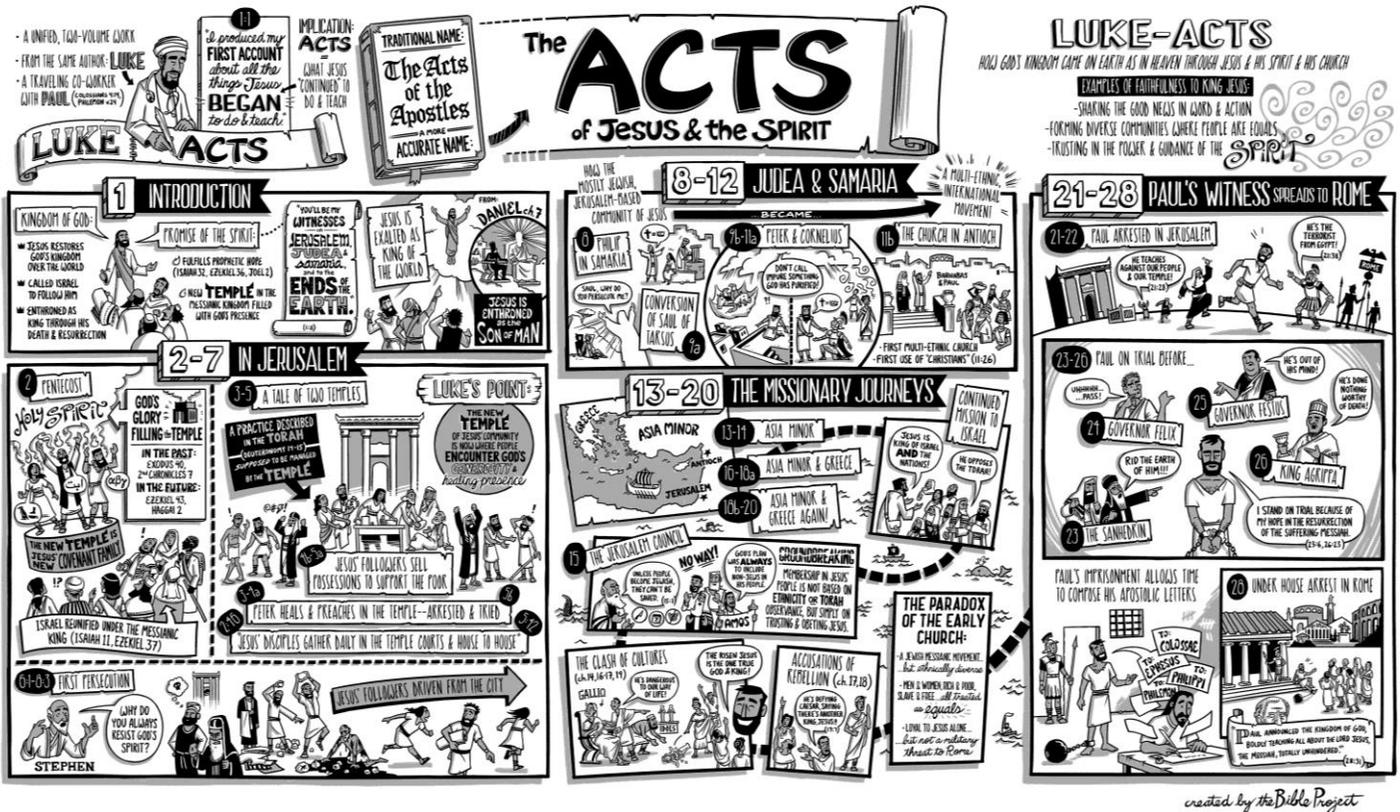
⁹ *Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Romans 4:25-5:11

- 1) Historical
- 2) Theological
- 3) This memory still "cuts to the heart"

Memorial Day lessons for remembering

- 1) There is still great power in sacrifice
- 2) Cross and resurrection are the clearest revelation of God's love (back to Romans 5:1-11)
- 3) Jesus' cross and resurrection still requires a response of repentance and faith



Resources for further studies in Acts

The Bible Project team has great stuff on Acts at <https://open.life.church/items/179224-poster-jpg>

Spurgeon has sermons on this text at <http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols43-45/chs2586.pdf> and <http://www.spurgeongems.org/vols34-36/chs2102.pdf>

Deffinbaugh's introduction at <https://bible.org/seriespage/unique-contribution-book-acts> and Acts series at <https://bible.org/series/studies-book-acts>

Tim Keller has a wonderful sermon at <https://www.monergism.com/signs-king-%E2%80%93-acts-237-47>

John Piper has a helpful look at repentance in his "Repentance, Forgiveness and the Gift of the Spirit" at <https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/repentance-forgiveness-and-the-gift-of-the-spirit>

I have really appreciated John Stott's *The Spirit, The Church and the World: The Message of Acts* (IVP, 1990) and F. F. Bruce's work: *New Testament History* (Doubleday, 1980) and *The Book of the Acts* (Eerdmans, 1984).

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