

# ✠ Unsheathing the SWORD ✠



## ACTS

**MEMORIZATION – Acts 2:38 – “...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.”**

### Chapter 1

Extra credit: “In my former book...” What is the former book?

1. Jesus appeared for how many days after the resurrection before He was taken up to heaven?
2. “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in \_\_\_\_\_, and in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and to the \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. From what mount did Jesus ascend?
4. Who join together constantly in prayer (circle all that apply):
  - a) the eleven apostles
  - b) the women
  - c) Mary, the mother of Jesus
  - d) the brothers of Jesus
5. How many believers are there?
6. True or false: The replacement for Judas is an eyewitness from the baptism of Jesus to His ascension.
7. Who is the replacement?

## Chapter 2

1. There is (circle all that apply):
  - a) the sound of a violent wind
  - b) tongues of fire
  - c) speaking in other languages
  
2. In verse five who is staying in Jerusalem?
  
3. List at least five of the nationalities named here.
  
4. Who preaches?
  
5. What prophet does Peter quote in verses 17-21?

Extra credit: Read Psalm 16. What verses of Psalm 16 does Peter quote?

6. Peter also quotes Psalm 110:1, a psalm of David which was viewed as Messianic even before the Christian era. Read Psalm 110.
  
7. Peter learned well from his teacher. Read Matthew 22:41-46 to see Jesus use this same verse.

Extra credit: a) About how long is the account of Peter's sermon (in verses)?

b) About how many verses are quotes from Old Testament Scripture?

c) Think about the importance of using Old Testament Scripture to preach to the Jews gathered there.

8. The response is thrilling! "When the people heard this, they were \_\_\_\_\_" and ask what they should do.

9. Write out Peter's answer in verse 38.

10. How many are baptized that day?
11. Jesus is “gone.” Who are teaching the new believers?
12. Where do the believers meet every day?
13. True or false: This is a joyous time in the early church.

### **Chapter 3**

1. Where are Peter and John headed when the crippled man asks them for money?
2. In whose name does Peter heal the cripple?
3. Peter takes the opportunity to preach a powerful message to the astonished people. Carefully read his testimony to Jesus in verses 12-26.
4. Who “have foretold of these days?”

Extra credit: Read of the promise to bless the nations -

- a) given to Abraham in Genesis 22:1-18
- b) reaffirmed to Abraham’s son Isaac in Genesis 26:1-6

### **Chapter 4**

Extra credit: What could be the reason the Sadducees are “greatly disturbed” by the apostles proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead?

1. Now what is the number of believing men?

2. Peter and John are questioned regarding the healing of the cripple. Before whom are they speaking?

3. Peter's answer is to the point – Jesus Christ of Nazareth. As in the sermon on Pentecost, Peter quotes a psalm which Jesus used in His teaching.

a) Review Psalm 118 (especially verses 19-27).

b) Review the parable of the tenants in Matthew 21:33-46 (especially verses 42-46).

Extra credit: Name one or two other occasions upon which this psalm was used during Jesus' ministry.

4. "Salvation is found in \_\_\_\_\_, for there is \_\_\_\_\_ under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."

5. When commanded not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus, who replies, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God...?"

Extra credit: Look at Psalm 2.

a) Does the title attribute the psalm to a specific author?

b) to whom does the prayer in Acts attribute this psalm?

6. "...enable Your servants to \_\_\_\_\_ with great boldness." Pray this for yourself.

7. a) What is the other name for Joseph?

b) From what tribe is he?

c) Where did he live?

## **Chapter 5**

1. Who die here?

2. True or false: The miraculous signs and wonders which began with Jesus continue with the apostles.

3. Of what party are the high priest and his associates?

4. Jesus wouldn't stay dead and the apostles won't stay locked up in jail! An angel of the Lord lets them out. What are they to tell the people? Write it out word for word.

5. Peter and the other apostles say, "We must obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_!"

6. Who saves the apostles from death?

7. "For if their purpose or activity is of \_\_\_\_\_, it will fail. But if it is \_\_\_\_\_, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against \_\_\_\_\_."

8. The apostles are (circle one):  
a) set free with no punishment  
b) flogged and imprisoned  
c) flogged and set free rejoicing

## **Chapter 6**

1. No church is perfect. Who are in disagreement at the beginning of chapter six (circle one)?  
a) Jews and non Jews  
b) Greek Jews and Hebrew Jews  
c) Pharisees and Sadducees

2. The twelve appoint others to handle the responsibility. To what do the twelve give their attention?

3. "...and a large number of \_\_\_\_\_ became obedient to the faith."

4. Who is brought to the Sanhedrin on false charges?

## **Chapter 7**

Extra credit: Stephen gives a review of Jewish faith and history.

- a) Want to read more about Abraham? See Genesis 12-25.
- b) Want to read more about Joseph? See Genesis 37-47.
- c) Want to read more about Moses? See Exodus 1-12.

Extra credit: What two prophets does Stephen quote?

1. True or false: Stephen ends his speech with gentle, conciliatory words.
2. Stephen is full of the Holy Spirit and what does he see?
3. How does Stephen die?
4. Who watches the coats?
5. What does Stephen do while he is being stoned?

## **Chapter 8**

1. The Jerusalem believers scatter (except for the apostles) because of persecution. Where do the believers go?
2. Who begins to destroy the church?
3. Who proclaims the Christ and does miraculous signs in Samaria?
4. What Samaritan sorcerer “believed and was baptized?”

5. What happens when Peter and John arrive in Samaria?
6. Who does Philip meet on the road from Jerusalem to Gaza?
7. What a “coincidence!” What is the man reading?

Extra credit: Prayerfully read Isaiah 52:13-53:12 to see the context of the words the Ethiopian is reading. This section of Scripture is frequently referred to as what?

8. The eunuch asks to be (circle one):
  - a) baptized
  - b) healed
  - c) circumcised

## **Chapter 9**

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ gives Saul letters to the \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ in order to take believers as \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
2. What is the term for the early believers?
3. On his way Saul sees a heavenly light flash around him. What does the voice ask him?
4. What is Saul’s response?
5. “\_\_\_\_\_, whom you are persecuting.”

Extra credit: Think about the fact that Saul knows the voice is God (“Who are you, Lord?”) and imagine his feeling upon hearing that the Lord is Jesus, the one Saul is persecuting.

6. For three days Saul (circle all that apply):

- a) is blind
- b) eats nothing
- c) drinks nothing

7. Poor Ananias. He knows of Saul and his persecution of believers. Yet God calms Ananias' fears and tells him something of Saul's future. Saul is the Lord's chosen instrument (circle all that apply):

- a) to carry the Lord's name before Gentiles
- b) to carry the Lord's name before Gentile kings
- c) to carry the Lord's name before the people of Israel
- d) and Saul will suffer for the Lord's name

8. True or false: Ananias makes it quite clear that it is the Lord – Jesus – who heals Saul's blindness.

9. True or false: Saul is baptized.

10. Saul (circle all that apply):

- a) spends several days with the disciples in Damascus
- b) at once preaches in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God
- c) baffles the Damascus Jews by proving that Jesus is the Messiah

11. Eventually, how do the Jews respond to Saul?

12. The city gates are carefully watched. How does Saul escape the city?

13. The Jerusalem disciples are skeptical of Saul's conversion. Who brings Saul to the apostles?

Extra credit: Remember Barnabus? See Acts 4:36-37.

14. Who want to kill Saul now?

Extra credit: Saul is taken to Caesarea and catches a boat to Tarsus. Find Jerusalem, Damascus, Caesarea and Tarsus on a map.



15. True or false: Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoys a time of peace and grows in numbers.

16. Match.

\_\_\_\_\_ Aeneas

a) is healed of paralysis

\_\_\_\_\_ Tabitha (Dorcas)

b) is raised from the dead

## **Chapter 10**

1. Cornelius is a Roman centurion who devoutly practices the Jewish faith. The Lord speaks to both Cornelius and Peter in visions and (circle all that apply):

a) Peter visits the Gentile Cornelius

b) Peter is asked to share everything the Lord has commanded him to tell

c) Peter's companions will not enter the house

2. "All the \_\_\_\_\_ testify about Him that everyone who believes in Him receives \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_."

3. True or false: The Holy Spirit comes on all who hear this message, even the Gentiles.

4. And the group is (circle one):

a) healed

b) baptized

c) circumcised

## **Chapter 11**

1. The church isn't perfect. For what is Peter criticized when he returns to Jerusalem?

2. At the beginning the dispersed believers spread the message of Jesus only to Jews. However, some men begin to speak to Greeks also and a great number of people turn to the Lord. In what city does this happen?

3. Who is sent from the Jerusalem church?

Extra credit: Remember this man? See Acts 4:36-37 and Acts 9:27.

4. a) What is this man's next destination?

b) Why does he go there?

5. What are the disciples called at Antioch?

6. What does a Jerusalem prophet predict for the entire Roman world?

7. So the Antioch Christians (circle one):

a) stockpile grain to get themselves through the famine

b) take a collection to help the Judean Christians get through the famine

c) disperse to farther countries

## **Chapter 12**

1. Which apostle dies by the sword?

2. Who is next on King Herod's hit list?

3. "...but the church was \_\_\_\_\_ to God for him."

4. Remember what happened the time Peter and the apostles were imprisoned? (See Acts 5:17-24.) Take a good look at Herod's precautions with Peter. Peter (circle all that apply):

a) has a soldier on each side

b) is bound with two chains

c) has sentries standing guard at the entrance

5. It is the night before his trial and Peter (circle one):

a) is sick with worry

or

b) is sound asleep

6. How does Peter escape?
7. Where does Peter go?
8. What are many people doing there?
9. God bless Rhoda! She recognizes Peter's voice and what does she do?

Extra credit: Peter lets them all know he is fine and then leaves "for another place." He tells them to notify James and the brothers. James the apostle is dead. Who do you think is this James?

10. "In the morning, there was \_\_\_\_\_ among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter." (The execution of the guards was a common operating procedure when a prisoner escaped.)

11. What happens to Herod and why?
12. Who joins Barnabus and Saul?

Extra credit: What do you know of this man?

### **Chapter 13**

1. True or false: The church at Antioch fasts.
2. Who are sent off by the Antioch church and who else is with them?
3. Where do they proclaim the word of God?
4. True or false: The proconsul, Sergius Paulus, is open to hearing Barnabus and Saul.

5. What is Saul also called?
6. Is it good news or bad news for Elymas?
7. What happens in Perga?
8. On the Sabbath Paul teaches in the Pisidian Antioch synagogue. What familiar phrase is used of David?

Extra credit: Read Psalm 2. We've heard part of this psalm before in Acts (different verses). When?

Extra credit: Acts 13:35 quotes Psalm 16:10. Read Psalm 16. We've also heard this psalm quoted before in Acts. When?

9. True or false: Paul's teaching is well received in Pisidian Antioch (except by the Jews).

Extra credit: Paul and Barnabus quote Isaiah in their response to the Jews of Pisidian Antioch. Read Isaiah 49:1-7. Acts 13:47 quotes which verse of Isaiah 49?

Extra credit: This is not the first time we have heard the phrase, "light for the Gentiles" used in the New Testament. See Luke 2:21-40. What is the occasion when this phrase is used?

10. True or false: The "movers and shakers" get Paul and Barnabus expelled from their region.

## **Chapter 14**

1. In Iconium Paul and Barnabus (circle all that apply):
  - a) speak at the synagogue
  - b) spend considerable time there
  - c) do miraculous signs and wonders
  - d) are stoned

2. For whom are Paul and Barnabus mistaken in Lystra?
3. Who arrive from Antioch and Iconium and cause trouble for Paul and Barnabus?
4. True or false: Paul is stoned in Lystra and left for dead.
5. After preaching successfully in Derbe, Paul and Barnabus (circle all that apply):
  - a) return to Lystra
  - b) return to Iconium
  - c) return to Antioch

Extra credit: Follow this missionary journey (Paul's first) on a map.

## **Chapter 15**

1. Over what is the debate in Antioch?
2. Believers belonging to what party argue that the new Gentile believers must be circumcised?
3. Peter says it eloquently. "We believe it is through the \_\_\_\_\_ that we (Jews) are saved, just as they (Gentiles) are."
4. Who speaks after Barnabas and Paul give their report about the miraculous signs and wonders among the Gentiles?

Extra credit: Who is this? (See also Acts 12:11-17.)

5. They decide not to make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. In a letter they state the restrictions the Jerusalem church recommends. List the requirements as found in verse 29.

6. Over what do Paul and Barnabas disagree?

Extra credit: Review Acts 13:1-5 & 13.

7. Match the travel companions.

\_\_\_\_ Paul                      a) John Mark  
\_\_\_\_ Barnabas                b) Silas

### **Chapter 16**

1. Timothy's mother is a \_\_\_\_\_ and a believer, but his father is a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Paul decides that Timothy should be (circle all that apply):

- a) baptized
- b) circumcised
- c) healed

3. The Holy Spirit keeps them from preaching the word in what province?

Extra credit: Troas is about ten miles from what ancient city?

4. Why does Paul head to Macedonia?

Extra credit: Find Macedonia on a map.

5. Name the Macedonian Roman colony where Paul meets Lydia.

Hard extra credit: What is your best guess for why Paul doesn't go to a synagog on the Sabbath as he usually does?

6. From what city is Lydia?

7. The slave girl who has a spirit makes money for her owners by (circle one):

- a) performing healing miracles
- b) selling fruit
- c) predicting the future

8. Paul and Silas (circle all that apply):

- a) are severely flogged
- b) are thrown into prison
- c) are put into an inner cell
- d) have their feet fastened in the stocks

9. What are the hurting Paul and Silas doing at midnight?

10. What are the other prisoners doing?

11. What opens the prison doors and looses chains?

Extra credit: Why does the jailer draw his sword to kill himself?

12. What do Paul and Silas answer when the jailer asks, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

13. Who are baptized?

14. a) In the morning, what is the order from the magistrates?

b) Do Paul and Silas leave immediately?

## **Chapter 17**

1. True or false: Paul preaches in the Thessalonica synagogue. He explains and proves that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead.

2. True or false: The Bereans examine the Scripture every day to see if Paul's message is true.
  
3. a) Who go(es) to Athens?  
b) Who stay(s) in Berea for now?
  
4. What do the Athenians and the foreigners who live there spend their time doing?
  
5. Carefully read Paul's brilliant evangelism statement in verses 22-31.

## **Chapter 18**

1. Why did Aquila and Priscilla leave Italy?
  
2. What is Paul's trade?
  
3. Who is Crispus and is he a believer in the Lord?
  
4. How long is Paul in Corinth?
  
5. Who gets beat up in front of the court?
  
6. Who accompany Paul from Corinth to Ephesus?
  
7. Does Paul stay in Ephesus long?
  
8. Paul sails from Ephesus to what port city?

Extra credit: Apollos is a Jew from the city of Alexandria. In what country is Alexandria?



9. Apollos preaches in Ephesus and Achaia. What does he prove from the Scriptures?

## **Chapter 19**

1. After about three months Paul moves his Ephesus ministry from where to where?

2. How long is Paul in Ephesus?

3. Who hear the word of the Lord during this time?

4. True or false: God does extraordinary miracles through Paul.

5. What does the evil spirit say to the seven sons of Sceva?

Extra credit: Do the math. If one drachma = one day's wages, how many year's wages are equal to 50,000 drachmas?

6. Who are sent by Paul to Macedonia?

7. It would be a great movie! Picture the riot at Ephesus in your mind with all its sights and sounds as you read verses 23-41.

## **Chapter 20**

1. As Paul journeys through Macedonia he is accompanied by an international group. List the cities and provinces mentioned here as the homes of Paul's companions.

2. Notice that the style of writing changes in verse five. "These men went on ahead and waited for \_\_\_\_\_ at Troas." What could explain the change?

3. There is a casualty as Paul preaches late into the night. Eutychus is (circle one):

- a) healed from an injury
- b) raised from the dead
- c) left for dead

4. Paul pours out his heart to the elders of the church at Ephesus. Of what has the Holy Spirit warned him?

5. Write out Paul's words in verse 24.

6. They pray together and cry together. What grieves them most?

## **Chapter 21**

1. Paul and his companions pray on the beach with the disciples of what city?

2. What does the prophet Agabus say regarding Paul?

3. True or false: After hearing the prophecy of Agabus Paul decides not to go to Jerusalem.

4. Paul reports to the elders and to \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Who see Paul at the temple and stir up the crowd against him?

- a) Jews from Jerusalem
- b) believers in the Way
- c) Jews from Asia

Extra credit: Does this sound familiar? Read Acts 17:1-14.

6. Who arrive as Paul is being beaten to death?

## **Chapter 22**

1. Paul (circle all that apply):
  - a) is a Jew
  - b) was born in Tarsus
  - c) was brought up in Jerusalem
  - d) studied under Gamaliel

Extra credit: We've heard Gamaliel's name before. Review the story of the apostles before the Sanhedrin in Acts 5:27-40.

2. True or false: Paul's Roman citizenship is of benefit to him.

## **Chapter 23**

1. Is Paul a Pharisee or a Sadducee?
2. Who visits Paul the following night?
3. Paul will testify in what other city?
4. There is a plot afoot. To do what?
5. Who informs Paul and the Romans of the plot?
6. The night before the planned assassination Paul is transferred:
  - a) to what city?
  - b) with what guard?

## **Chapter 24**

Extra credit: In your opinion is Governor Felix behaving fairly toward Paul?

1. What is Drusilla's nationality?
2. True or false: Governor Felix talks with Paul frequently.
3. Felix leaves Paul in prison when he leaves office. How many years have passed?
4. Circle the correct one.
  - a) Festus is succeeded by Felix
  - b) Felix is succeeded by Festus

## **Chapter 25**

1. Why do the chief priests and Jewish leaders ask that Paul be transferred from Caesaria to Jerusalem?
2. In verse 11 Paul utters the words which will send him to Rome.  
“ \_\_\_\_\_ !”

## **Chapter 26**

1. In his defense in front of Agrippa Paul says that he is saying nothing beyond what the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ said would happen – that the Messiah would suffer and as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.

Difficult extra credit: Find specific texts from the Pentateuch or the prophets which state the following.

- a) The Messiah would suffer.
- b) The Messiah would rise from the dead.
- c) The Messiah would proclaim light to Israel.
- d) The Messiah would proclaim light to the Gentiles.

2. King Agrippa knows that the purpose of Paul's words is always salvation of the lost. The finding of the king and governor is that (circle one):

- a) Paul should be flogged and released
- b) Paul should be handed over to the Jews for execution
- c) Paul has done nothing that deserves death or imprisonment

3. Why does Paul have to go to Rome?

### **Chapter 27**

1. True or false: Paul is treated well by Julius.

2. Is it easy or difficult sailing?

3. Who warns against the voyage out of Fair Havens?

4. What is Paul told by an angel?

5. The storm lasts for (circle one):

- a) hours
- b) days
- c) weeks
- d) months

6. Do the centurion and soldiers listen to Paul's instruction?

7. How many are on board?

8. What is the soldiers' plan regarding the prisoners?

9. Who steps in and saves Paul (and the other prisoners)?

10. How many reach land safely?

## Chapter 28

1. They are on what island?
2. Paul is attacked by what?
3. The islanders think Paul is a (circle all that apply):
  - a) murderer
  - b) god
  - c) priest
4. True or false: Paul performs healing miracles on Malta.
5. How harsh is Paul's imprisonment in Rome?
6. True or false: The Jews in Rome have already been warned against Paul by the Jerusalem Jews.

Extra credit: Some Jews believe, but others do not. Paul quotes Isaiah. Read the quote in context (Isaiah chapter six).

7. Jesus used the same quote when speaking with His disciples. See Matthew 13:10-17.
8. How long does Paul preach from his "prison" home?
9. "\_\_\_\_\_and without \_\_\_\_\_ he preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ."

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