

RELIGION STUDY GUIDE— QUESTIONS FOR THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

CHAPTER 1

1. What is the full title of Acts?
2. The book begins right after an important event, or series of events. What is it? or What are they?
3. Jesus gave the apostles a final instruction. What did He say? And what happened next?
4. To what city do the apostles go after the Ascension?
5. How was Matthias chosen to be an apostle? Whose place did he take?
6. Why does Peter conduct the election?

CHAPTER 2

1. Which came first, Pentecost or the Ascension?
2. Describe the events of the coming of the Holy Spirit. They were together in one place and . . . (1, 2, 3, 4)
3. People heard about this amazing event and gathered together. What surprised them?
4. Who first said, “And it shall come to pass in the last days (saith the Lord), I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. . .”? What was he talking about?
5. Who first said, “Thou [God] wilt not leave my soul in hell, nor suffer thy Holy One to see corruption. . . .”?
6. To whom did he refer?
7. Why did Peter tell the people that Joel and David were talking about Christ?
8. What did Peter tell the Jews they should do?
9. How many were converted that day?
10. What signs of charity and divine favor attended the first Christian community?

CHAPTER 3

1. Speaking in tongues preceded Peter's great sermon in chapter 2. Here, another miracle precedes Peter's second great sermon. What is it?
2. How does Peter heal a man? What does Peter say about how the man was healed?
3. In this sermon what does Peter exhort the people to do?

CHAPTER 4

1. How many people had now come to believe in our Lord?
2. Who apprehends Peter and John? What does Peter say that makes them angry?
3. What did the council tell the apostles to do? Did Peter and John agree to this?
4. When Peter and John went back to their own company, what happened?

CHAPTER 5

1. What was the sin of Ananias and Sapphira?
2. Why were the apostles apprehended the second time?
3. Did they stay in prison?
4. Why did Peter disobey the order of the council not to preach the Name of Jesus?
5. Who urged moderation on the council, and what was he?
5. What punishment did the apostles receive?

CHAPTER 6

1. For what service were Stephen and six others selected?
2. With what ceremony were they selected?
3. In what ways was Stephen outstanding in the Christian community?
4. Of what did the false witnesses accuse him?
5. What indicates that Stephen's speech in response was inspired by the Holy Spirit?

CHAPTER 7

1. Stephen told the council, "As your fathers did, so do you." What did their fathers do?
2. And what did the Jewish leaders of his day do?
3. What was Stephen's last act?
4. Why do you think the Roman government was not involved in this first persecution of the Church?

CHAPTER 8

1. What happened immediately after the martyrdom of Stephen?
2. Who preached the good news of Christ to the Samaritans?
3. How did they receive it?
4. What did Peter and John add to the baptisms in Samaria?
5. What was Simon's sin?
6. Why did Philip leave Samaria?
7. What was God's plan for him on the road to Gaza?

CHAPTER 9

1. Saul had a purpose in going to Damascus. What was it?
2. The Lord had a purpose for Saul. What does He tell Ananias that Saul has been chosen to do?
3. What did Saul do after he regained his sight?
4. Where did Saul begin to preach?
5. Why did he leave? How?
6. Why were the disciples afraid of Saul in Jerusalem?
7. What miracle did Peter work at Lydda?
8. Who was Tabitha?
9. What did Peter do for her?

CHAPTER 10

1. What was Cornelius' job?
2. In what two acts did he show his piety?
3. What did the voice tell Peter after his vision of the animals?
4. Peter interpreted this to mean that he could do something further (not connected with eating) that the Jews have not been permitted to do. What?
5. What did those who came with Peter see that showed them that the Holy Spirit had indeed come upon the gentiles there?
6. What does "those of the circumcision" mean?

CHAPTER 11

1. What saying of Jesus does Peter recall that he can now understand as supporting his baptism of gentiles?
2. Where next was the gospel preached to non-Jews? Who preached there?

3. What prophecy was made there?

CHAPTER 12

1. How did Herod persecute the Church at this time?
2. What did the angel who came to the prison do for Peter?
3. What did he tell Peter to do himself?
4. Why was Herod struck dead?

CHAPTER 13

1. What were the Christians in the Church at Antioch doing when the Holy Spirit spoke, telling them to set apart Paul and Barnabas?
2. What did Saul do to the sorcerer attached to the pro-consul on Cyprus?
3. What effect did this have on the pro-consul?
4. In both Cyprus and Pisidia Antioch, where was the first place Saul and Barnabas went to preach?
5. In Paul's speech at Pisidia Antioch, how did he say the inhabitants of Jerusalem fulfilled the prophecies?
6. How did Paul say God has fulfilled the promise made to their fathers?
7. What did Paul say he would do when the Jews rejected the word he preached?

CHAPTER 14

1. What did the people in Lystra think of Paul and Barnabas when Paul cured the man lame from his birth?
2. In each of the cities in this chapter, why did they have to leave?

CHAPTER 15

1. What question did Paul and Barnabas go to Jerusalem to discuss?
2. Who said, "Why then do you now try to test God by putting on the neck of the disciples a yoke which neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?"
3. Which of the following restrictions did the council decide were still necessary?
 - a. circumcision
 - b. abstaining from blood
 - c. not marrying foreigners
 - d. abstaining from pork
 - e. abstaining from things offered to idols

- f. ritual hand washing
- g. abstaining from anything strangled
- h. avoiding immorality

CHAPTER 16

1. Why did Paul circumcise Timothy?
2. In what two ways did the churches improve?
3. How did Paul decide what cities to travel to?
4. Who insisted that Paul stay in her house in Macedonia?
5. Why did the masters of the possessed girl bring Paul and Silas before the magistrates?
6. What did they accuse Paul and Silas of?
7. How were they freed from their imprisonment?
8. Why did the guard want to kill himself?
9. What did Paul want to be done before he would leave the prison?

CHAPTER 17

1. Paul and his companions went to Thessalonica. What did they do there? And for how long?
2. What happened and why?
3. Next Paul went to Beroea. How did the Jews there receive him?
4. What happened at Beroea? Where did Paul go next?
5. Paul preached to the Athenians. What idea did he use to begin telling them about Jesus? Why did he use this instead of the Law and the Prophets of the Old Testament?

CHAPTER 18

1. Was Paul successful with the Jews at Corinth?
2. What did Jesus tell Paul he should do?
3. Why did the Jews bring Paul before Gallio? What did Gallio say?
4. What did Apollos do for the Church?

CHAPTER 19

1. Had the members of the Church in Ephesus been baptized?
2. Paul found that, after three months, certain of those in the synagogue were hardened, speaking evil of the way of the Lord. What did he do?
3. Could anyone cure using the way of the Lord?

4. Why was the man Demetrius upset about the way of the Lord? What did he do?
5. How did the town clerk quiet the tumult?

CHAPTER 20

1. Can you see, in verse 4, a sign of the catholicity of the Catholic Church?
2. What miracle did Paul do at Troas?
3. What are the important points of Paul's discourse?

CHAPTER 21

1. Did Paul know what awaited him at Jerusalem?
2. What advice did those in Jerusalem give him?
3. Did this appease those who were angry with Paul?
4. What did those men intend to do to Paul? Why didn't they do it?

CHAPTER 22

1. Paul spoke to the multitude, and they listened until what point? Why did this make them so angry?
2. The centurion was going to scourge and torture Paul. Why didn't he do it?

CHAPTER 23

1. What device did Paul use to deflect interest from himself?
2. How did Paul escape from the plot of the Jews?
3. Where was Paul sent?
4. Did the governor hear Paul's case immediately?

CHAPTER 24

1. Who came to accuse Paul? Of what did they accuse him?
2. What was his defense?
3. What did Felix do?
4. Why do you think Felix was terrified by the things Paul preached?

CHAPTER 25

1. Festus asked Paul if he would go to Jerusalem to be judged. Paul objected. What are his grounds?
2. What did Paul do then?

3. Who came and wished to hear Paul?

CHAPTER 26

1. What kind of Jew was Paul?
2. What did King Agrippa think of Paul's account?

CHAPTER 27

1. Did Paul go alone to Rome?
2. Did Paul think it advisable to sail from Crete? Was he right? How did he know?
3. How many people were in the ship? How many were saved?

CHAPTER 28

1. Why did the Melitians think Paul was a god?
2. Paul went to Rome and called together the local leaders of the Jews. He explained why he was there. He told them also of Jesus. Did they believe?
3. What did Paul say of them?