

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Chapters 14-20

Read 14:1-18 Why did the crowd want to offer sacrifice to Paul and Barnabas as though they were gods? (Note 14:1-18)

What is natural revelation (Note 14:17)

Read 14:19-23 What is the significance of appointing elders with the establishment of Churches in the missionary territory? (Note 19:23)

When did the Council at Jerusalem take place? Why was it convened? What two points concerning the Church can be drawn from the Council at Jerusalem? (Note 15:1-29)

How did the Jews understand salvation? (Note 15:1)

Read 15:1-2 How did the local Church in Antioch view the apostolic Church in Jerusalem? (Note 15:2)

Read 15:3-5 How does circumcision relate to the entire yoke of the Mosaic Covenant? (Note 15:5)

Read 15:7-11 How does Peter quell the debate at the Council? (Note 15:7-11)

What is the difference between the responses of Peter vs. James at the Council? (Note 15:11)

Read 15:12-21 What was the significance of the pastoral initiative proclaimed by James as it relates to ritual observances practiced by Judaism and Paganism? (Note 15:20)

Kingdom Restoration

What is the dwelling of David? How and when did it fall? In what way was God rebuilding it?

What do chapters 15-18 address? (Note 15:36-18:22)

Read 16:1-5 Were ritual observances of the Torah permitted in the early Church?
(Note 16:3)

Read 16:6-10 Was Luke a travelling member of Paul's 2nd missionary journey?
(Note 16:10)

Read 16:16-37 What privileges were given to Paul and Silas for being Roman citizens? (Note 16:37)

Read 17:16-21 How do the Epicureans and Stoics view God and the world? (Note 17:18)

Read 17:22-34 What gods did the Greeks worship? (Note 17:23)

How did the Greeks respond to St. Paul concerning the resurrection? (Note 17:32)

What do chapters 18-21 address? (Note 18:23-21:15)

Where is the city of Ephesus located? (Note 19:1)

Read 19:11-12 How are the miracles attributed to St. Paul's clothing support the Church's teaching on relics? (Note 19:11)

What happened in the riot at Ephesus? (Note 19:23-41) (Note 19:24)

Read 20:7 What day of the week did the early Christians come together for instruction and worship? Is the sequence of instruction on the Faith and Eucharistic celebration similar to our current practice as Catholic Christians on Sunday? (Note 20:7)

Read 20:17-38 What does Paul's farewell speech address? (Note 20:17-38)

St. Paul quotes Jesus “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” If Jesus said this during his three-year public ministry and it is not recorded in any of the four Gospels, then how does St. Paul know that this was spoken? (Note 20:35)

What is a traditional Jewish prayer posture? What is the significance of kneeling as it relates to worship? How are Catholic and Jewish prayer postures similar? (Note 20:36)