

# THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

## Chapter 5

### Ananias and Sapphira

“You have not lied to men but to God” (5:4). How does the Church interpret this passage as it relates to the Divinity of the Holy Spirit? What Council was this declared at?

### The Apostles Are Imprisoned and Brought before the Council

What is the Council? What authority did it have in terms of corporal and capital matters?

## Chapter 6

### Seven Chosen to Serve

What is the difference between the Hellenist and the Hebrew believers in the early Church?

Are the seven that are chosen to serve consecrated? In what capacity do they serve?

### The Arrest of Stephen

What are the parallels between the deaths of Stephen and Jesus?

## Chapter 7

### Stephen's Speech to the Council

What similarities exist in the stories of the patriarch Joseph and Jesus?

What was the Original Sin of the nation of Israel?  
Was it God's intention to establish a sanctuary cult of continuous animal sacrifice? What is meant by the passage – I desire mercy not sacrifice?

## The Stoning of Stephen

How does Jesus welcome Stephen into His Kingdom?

## Chapter 8

### Saul Persecutes the Church

What was the effect of the persecution of the Church in Jerusalem?

### Simon the Magician

What is the distinction between conferring the Holy Spirit and calling down the Holy Spirit? What ministers are allowed the laying on of hands?

## **Chapter 9**

### **The Conversion of Saul**

What was the code name for the early Christian movement? How does it relate to Isaiah's view of the messianic age?

## **Chapter 10**

### **Peter and Cornelius**

How does the Baptism of Cornelius and his household issue in a new era in the history of Christianity? How does God assist in this new missionary step?

How does Peter's vision help him to formulate a proper understanding of Jewish dietary law as it relates to the New Covenant?

### Gentiles Hear the Good News

Are any nations or peoples favored by God in the New Covenant?

## Chapter 11

### Peter's Report to the Church at Jerusalem

What is the circumcision party and how do they view the relationship between the Old and New Covenants?

How does the gift of the Holy Spirit to both Jews and Gentiles explain the distinction between the Old and New Covenants?

## **Chapter 13**

### **Barnabas and Saul Commissioned**

What is the meaning of the Greek word Liturgy?  
How does Luke use the term? In the early Church how is the verb liturgy understood?

## The Apostles Preach in Cyprus

How many missionary journeys did St. Paul make?

Why did St. Paul target Jewish synagogues in his missionary endeavors?

How does the reading of the Law and the Prophets at the Jewish liturgical service in the synagogue compare with the Liturgy of the Word at Mass?