

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Chapter 4-13

Read 4:23-31 What is the significance of Psalm 2? (Note 4:25-26)

Read 5:1-11 What spirit were Ananias and Sapphira operating under? (Note 5:1-11)

“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? (Note 5:4)

Read 5:17-21 What is the Council? What authority did it have in terms of corporal and capital matters? (Note 5:21)

Read 6:1-6 What is the difference between the Hellenist and the Hebrew believers in the early Church? (Note 6:1-6)

Are the seven that are chosen to serve consecrated? In what capacity do they serve? (Note 6:6)

What are the parallels between the deaths of Stephen and Jesus? (Note 6:8-7:60)

What is Stephen's speech to the council? (Note 7:1-53)

Read 7:9-16 What similarities exist in the stories of the patriarch Joseph and Jesus? (Note 7:9-16)

Read 17:17-41 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? (Note 7:41)

Read 17:42-53 Did the Israelites have a false perception of the Temple? (Note 7:48) (Note 7:49-50)

Read 7:54-60 How does Jesus welcome Stephen into His Kingdom? (Note 7:56)

Read 8:1-3 What was the effect of the persecution of the Church in Jerusalem? (Note 8:1)

Read 8:9-24 What is the distinction between conferring the Holy Spirit and calling down the Holy Spirit? What ministers are allowed the laying on of hands? (Note 8:16)

What is simony? (Note 8:18)

Read 8:26-40 What is a eunuch? (Note 8:27)

When did Saul's conversion take place? (Note 9:1-9)

Read 9:1-2) What was the code name for the early Christian movement? How does it relate to Isaiah's view of the messianic age? (Note 9:2)

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? (Note 10:1-48)

Read 10:1-2 What is a centurion and did Cornelius “fear God”? (Note 10:1) (Note 10:2)

Read 10:9-16 How does Peter’s vision help him to formulate a proper understanding of Jewish dietary law as it relates to the New Covenant? (Note 10:14)

Read 10:34-35 Are any nations or peoples favored by God in the New Covenant? (Note 10:34)

Read 11:1-18 What is the circumcision party and how do they view the relationship between the Old and New Covenants? (Note 11:2)

How does the gift of the Holy Spirit to both Jews and Gentiles explain the distinction between the Old and New Covenants? (Note 11:17)

Read 13:1-3 What is the meaning of the Greek word Liturgy? How does Luke use the term? In the early Church how was the verb liturgy understood? (Note 13:2)

How many missionary journeys did St. Paul make? (Note 13:4-14:28)

Read 13:4-5 Why did St. Paul target Jewish synagogues in his missionary endeavors? (Note 13:5)

Read 13:13-15 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? (Note 13:15)

What is the message of Paul's inaugural sermon? (Note 13:16-41)

Read 13:35-38 is the expected Messiah to be preserved from corruption? (Note 13:34-35)