

NT - Acts---Rise of the Early Church

Confirmation - Lesson A17

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Memory Verse 'But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'
Acts 1:8

Everything in the Old Testament is pointing forward towards _____! The Israelites saw part of the plan, but we have the luxury to see it unfold through Scripture!

_____ is written by _____ and is a continuation of the Gospels from the Resurrection of Jesus to the rise and spread of the early church.

- Luke is a very detailed historian, a companion of Paul, and writes Acts around 63 AD.
- The remaining books of the New Testament were written between the late 40's AD to almost 100 AD.

Acts 1:8 - "But you will receive power when the _____ has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

- Acts 1:8 is the theme verse for the entire book of Acts and the Early Church

Acts 1:9 - Jesus' bodily _____ shows His return to the Father and receiving His place of honor and glory until He returns.

John 16:7-8 - 'Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the _____ will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.'

Acts 2 - Day of _____ comes and the believers are baptized in the _____ and spoke in tongues that were understood by foreign people

- **Acts 2:14-41** - A transformed _____ shares the story of Jesus and _____ come to faith

Acts 4:1-7 - The _____ faced great persecution from the Jewish religious leaders. They were beaten, thrown into jail, and eventually put to death.

Acts 6-7 - _____ is arrested for preaching the Gospel and doing ministry in Jesus' name, then shares Jesus with all who are putting him on trial.

Acts 7 - Stephen is the first _____ (killed for your faith) of the early church and he is put to death at the hands of _____, who would later convert to Paul.

Main Point: The _____ was led by the Holy Spirit and thrived under persecution.

Reflection Time- *Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:*

1) How would you describe the disciples in the Early Church?

2) Does the 'church' today look like the Early Church? Why or why not?

3) Would you give your life up for your faith?

4) Do you face pressure or are you made fun of because you are a Christian?

5) Acts 4:12 says, 'And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.' What does this mean?

Parent Signature _____

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