

## SESSION SEVEN: PAUL, APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES



- Acts of the Apostles: Purpose, Personalities, and Places
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### ACTS: PURPOSE, PERSONALITIES, AND PLACES

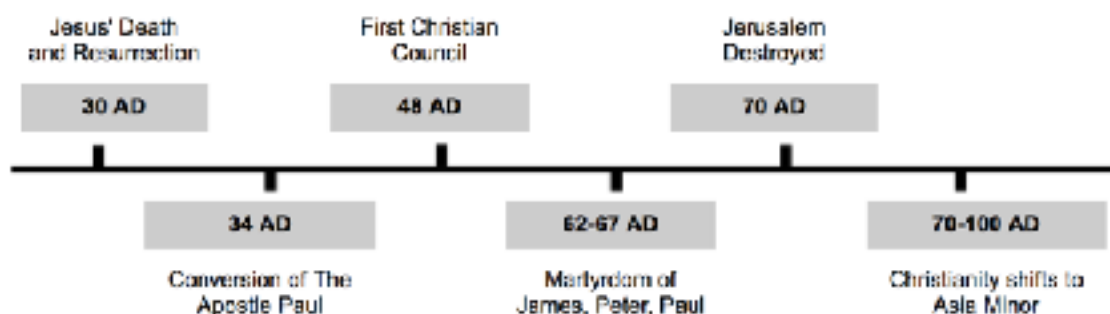
Acts was written by Luke as a continued narrative of how Christianity began. Like his gospel, it is dedicated to "Theophilus," an unknown person whose name means "Friend of God" and could be a pseudonym.

The main personalities are the leaders of the early church, apostles and other first generation Christians. An apostle, in the original meaning, was an eyewitness to Jesus' ministry and/or resurrection. Key individuals from the book of Acts:

Simon Peter	John	James the Just
Ananias (Damascus)	Saul/Paul	Barnabas
John Mark	Silas	Luke

Key places: Jerusalem, Damascus, Antioch, Caesarea, Ephesus, and Rome.

### A TIMELINE OF THE EARLY CHURCH



The books of the New Testament canon were written after the First Christian Council until the end of the century.

## A TIME LINE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL'S LIFE

DATE	EVENT	BOOKS WRITTEN	OTHER EVENTS
Circa 1-5 AD	Saul is born in Tarsus		Jesus is a child in Nazareth
Circa 15-25 AD	Saul educated under the tutelage of Gamaliel		Augustus dies (14 AD) and is succeeded by Tiberius
Circa 25-30 AD	Saul joins the sect of the Pharisees		Jesus is crucified circa 30 AD
Circa 30-34 AD	Saul actively persecutes the church		James the brother of Jesus and Simon Peter become leaders of Jerusalem church
34 AD	Saul is converted on the Damascus Road		Stephen martyred in Jerusalem; early church "scattered" throughout Middle East
34-37 AD	Saul retreats to Arabia		Pilate leaves Judea; Peter preaches to the Gentiles; Tiberius dies
37-46 AD	After visiting Jerusalem, Saul returns to Tarsus		Herod Agrippa dies; Rome invades Britain
47-49 AD	Saul launches first missionary journey with Barnabas and takes name, Paul	James	Intensification of persecution of church in Jerusalem and surrounding area
50-52 AD	Paul launches second missionary journey with Silas	Galatians; 1 and 2 Thessalonians;	First Christian Council held in Jerusalem and Jewish Passover riot
53-56 AD	Paul launches third missionary journey	1 and 2 Corinthians; Romans; Mark	Nero becomes Emperor
57-62 AD	Paul imprisoned at Jerusalem, Caesarea, and finally Rome	Matthew; Luke; Acts; Philemon; Ephesians; Philippians; Colossians; 1 and 2 Timothy; Titus	James the brother of Jesus is martyred in Jerusalem
63-65 AD	Unrecorded ministry, but possibly Paul traveled as far as modern Spain	1 and 2 Peter	The Great Fire of Rome; Simon Peter is crucified
66-67 AD	Second Roman imprisonment and Paul's martyrdom	2 Timothy	Jewish-Roman War begins;

