

# COLORING PAGE



*Peter preached the gospel to Cornelius who was a Gentile soldier. Cornelius and his family and friends believe and were baptized.*

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## The Bible

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### The Acts of the Apostles

#### I. Overview.

Following the four gospels in the New Testament is the book of The Acts of the Apostles. This book is commonly referred to as “The Acts”, or simply “Acts”. The Acts was written by Luke, the writer of the Gospel of Luke. Luke was a doctor who traveled with the apostle Paul during his later travels.



*Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of God in the first chapter of Acts.*

The book of Acts begins with the ascension of the resurrected Lord Jesus. It also shows us the beginning of the church. Because it shows us how the church came into being and how the early saints practiced the church life, it is a very important book. This book also shows the development of the ministry in the New Testament and focuses especially on the ministries of the apostles Peter and Paul. Whereas the gospels show us Christ in the flesh, this book shows us Christ as the Spirit in the church and ministry.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.”**

(Acts 2:36)

### III. Lesson.

#### The Ascension of the Resurrected Christ

The book of Acts begins with a record of the ascension of Jesus Christ. The history in the book of Acts begins where the history in the four gospels ends. The Lord Jesus had been crucified and had resurrected. Now the book of Acts shows Him being taken up into the heavens, to the throne of God.

For the Lord Jesus to be ascended means that God gave to Him the highest position in the universe. He is now the highest authority. As such, God made Him the Head of the church which is His body.

#### The Beginning of the Church and the Ministry of Peter

The ascension of Christ occurs in the first chapter of Acts. In the second chapter we see the beginning of the church and of the ministry of Peter. After the Lord ascended, one hundred twenty disciples were all praying together for ten days. At the end of the ten days, on the day of Pentecost, the ascended Lord Jesus in the heavens poured Himself out upon the disciples as the Holy Spirit. Many wonderful things happened, including the speaking of God's word by the disciples in the many languages of the peoples who had come from afar to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost.



The book of The Acts shows us the beginning of the church.

While the people were amazed to hear God's speaking in their own languages, Peter rose up to speak. He told the crowd that what they were witnessing was the pouring out of the Holy Spirit, which had been foretold by the prophet Joel. He charged them to repent and to believe in Jesus Christ and to be

baptized. Three thousand people believed and were baptized. This was the beginning of the church.

#### The Ministry of Paul

The book of Acts also describes the ministry of the apostle Paul. It shows us how Paul was originally against the church, but was met by the Lord Jesus on the road to Damascus. He was saved and became the primary apostle to bring the gospel to the non-Jewish nations. The last half of the book of Acts is concerned with Paul's ministry and the churches raised up by him.

### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who was the writer of the Acts of the Apostles?  
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2. What happened in the book of Acts that was spoken about by an Old Testament prophet?  
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3. How did the church begin?  
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4. Which apostle's ministries are described in Acts?  
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