

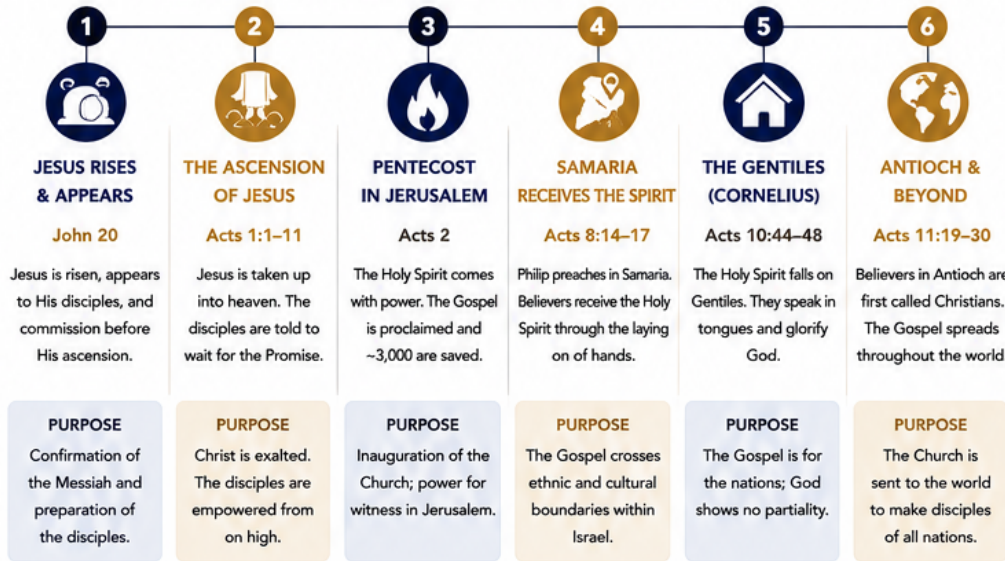


Pentecost Timeline

FROM PROMISE TO POWER TO THE NATIONS

The book of Acts shows a deliberate, Spirit-led progression. What began in Jerusalem expanded step by step until the Gospel reached the Gentiles.

This timeline highlights the key events and their purpose.



THE PROGRESSION IN ACTS



WHAT HAPPENED AT EACH STAGE?

	1. JESUS RISES (John 20)	2. ASCENSION (Acts 1:1–11)	3. PENTECOST (Acts 2)	4. SAMARIA (Acts 8:14–17)	5. CORNELIUS (Acts 10:44–48)	6. ANTIOCH (Acts 11:19–30)
WHO	Disciples	Disciples	Jews in Jerusalem	Samaritans	Gentiles	Believers everywhere
WHAT HAPPENED	Jesus appears alive	Jesus ascends into heaven	Holy Spirit comes with power	Holy Spirit received through laying on of hands	Holy Spirit falls on Gentiles; tongues	Believers called Christians; church spreads
KEY SIGN	Peace and commission	Cloud and angels	Wind, fire, tongues	Laying on of hands	Tongues and glorifying God	Great joy and growth
RESULT	Faith and assurance	Expectation of God's promise	~3,000 saved; Church begins	More believers; Gospel advances	Door opened to Gentiles	Mission expands worldwide
THEME	The Risen Lord	The Exalted Lord	The Empowering Spirit	The Expanding Gospel	The Inclusive Grace	The Global Mission



THE BIG PICTURE

God's plan in Acts is intentional and orderly. The Gospel begins in Jerusalem, moves to Samaria, reaches the Gentiles, and spreads to the ends of the earth. The same Holy Spirit empowers the same Church for the same mission: to proclaim Jesus Christ.



TEACHER NOTE

Use this timeline to help learners see the flow of Acts as a Spirit-led movement. Each event builds on the previous one and points to God's heart for all people, everywhere.



KEY VERSES

Acts 1:8

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 2:38

"Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"

Acts 8:17

"Then they laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."

Acts 10:45

"The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles."

Acts 11:24

"For he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. And a large number of people was brought to the Lord."



KEY TRUTHS

- The Church was born at Pentecost in Jerusalem.
- The Holy Spirit empowered believers for witness.
- God's plan intentionally expanded from Jews to Samaritans to Gentiles.
- The Gospel is for all nations.
- The same Spirit. The same Gospel. The same Lord.



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