

1 **Intro to Acts**2 **What is Acts About?**

- Luke – “the beloved physician” – Col. 4:14
 - Skilled Historian
 - Wrote the 3rd Gospel and the Book of Acts
- Theophilus – first recipient of both “Luke” and “Acts” – Luke 1:3; Acts 1:1
- Finished Work – Luke 1-24; Acts 1-28; John 17:4; Rom. 8:1; Heb. 10:10-14; John 19:30; et. al.
 - All that is needed for the salvation of all believers has been accomplished by Christ.
- Ongoing Work – Acts 1 – *right now*; Matt. 16:16-18;

3 **What is Acts About?**

- “Table of Contents” – Acts 1:8
 - Jerusalem – Acts 1-7
 - Judea and Samaria – Acts 8
 - The World – Acts 9-28 (and today)
- Church – Acts 2-28 (and today)
 - Gospel Accepted and Rejected
 - Gospel Preached and Distorted

4 **Who is Acts About?**

- Jesus – Acts 1:1; Acts 28:31
- Apostles – well, some of them
- Better Title?
 - “The History of the Acts of the Holy Spirit”

5 **Acts is About the Holy Spirit**

- Not a “thing” but a person.
 - The Holy Spirit is God
 - The Holy Spirit is the “3rd Person” of the Trinity
- Proof of Divinity – Names and Attributes
 - “Spirit of Jesus” – Acts 16:6-7
 - “A Spirit of Adoption” – Romans 8:15
 - “Holy Spirit” – “holy designates the innermost essence of God’s nature.” – J.M. Boice
 - God is the “Holy Father” – John 17:11
 - Jesus is the “Holy One of God” – John 6:69; cf. Mark 1:24
 - “Spirit of Our God” – 1 Cor 6:11
 - “Another Helper” – John 14:16 – “another – *allos* – one just like the first”

6 **Acts is About the Holy Spirit**

- Personality of the Holy Spirit
 - Actions
 - Comforting – John 14:16-17
 - Conviction of unbelievers – John 16:8
 - Mission – bears witness of Christ – John 15:26
 - Equal Rank and Power – Matt 28:19; 2 Cor 13:14; 1 Pt 1:2; Jude 20-21
 - Visible appearances – Luke 3:22; Acts 2:3

- Can be sinned against – Matt 12:31-32 (cf. Mark 3:28-20)
- Gift Giver – 1 Cor 12:11
- Omniscient – all knowing – John 16:13; 1 Cor 2:10-11;
- Omnipotent – all powerful – Luke 1:35
- Omnipresent – everywhere all the time – Psalm 139:7-10

7 **Work of the Holy Spirit**

- Glorification of Christ – John 16:14
 - Teaching – John 15:26, 16:13
 - Drawing – John 6:44
 - Sanctifying – Gal 5:22-23
 - Leading to Service – Acts 13:2