

**Enjoy Acts: Faith in Action**  
**Session 1 - Jerusalem & Judea: The Birth of the Church (Chapters 1-2)**

**Introduction to Acts**

- A 2-volume set with Luke's gospel.
- Describes what Jesus continued to do and teach through the Holy Spirit.
- While Peter and Paul are the main human figures in Acts, this is the story of the Holy Spirit and His action to establish and advance the church throughout the world.

**Introduction & Christ's Ascension (Acts 1:1-11)**

- Acts 1:8 = Key verse for the entire book.
- Witnessing to the ends of the earth for the Kingdom of God is far more important than questions about end times and earthly kingdoms.
- Jesus will return as He departed. Until then, we have work to do.

**The Birth of the Church (Acts 2:1-41)**

- The pouring out of the Holy Spirit is a key fulfillment of prophecy decisively demonstrating that we are living in the "last days".
- This marks the birth of the church.
- Note the extraordinary sermon given by that recent denier of Christ, Peter. This is the power of the Spirit to use the ordinary to accomplish the extraordinary.
- That same Spirit is still at work in us today – if we're willing to act in faith!

**Everyday Life of the Early Church (Acts 2:42-47)**

- Note the emphasis on deep fellowship – life, meals, worship, and study together

**Next Week: Jerusalem & Judea: Explosive Early Growth – Acts 3:1-6:7**