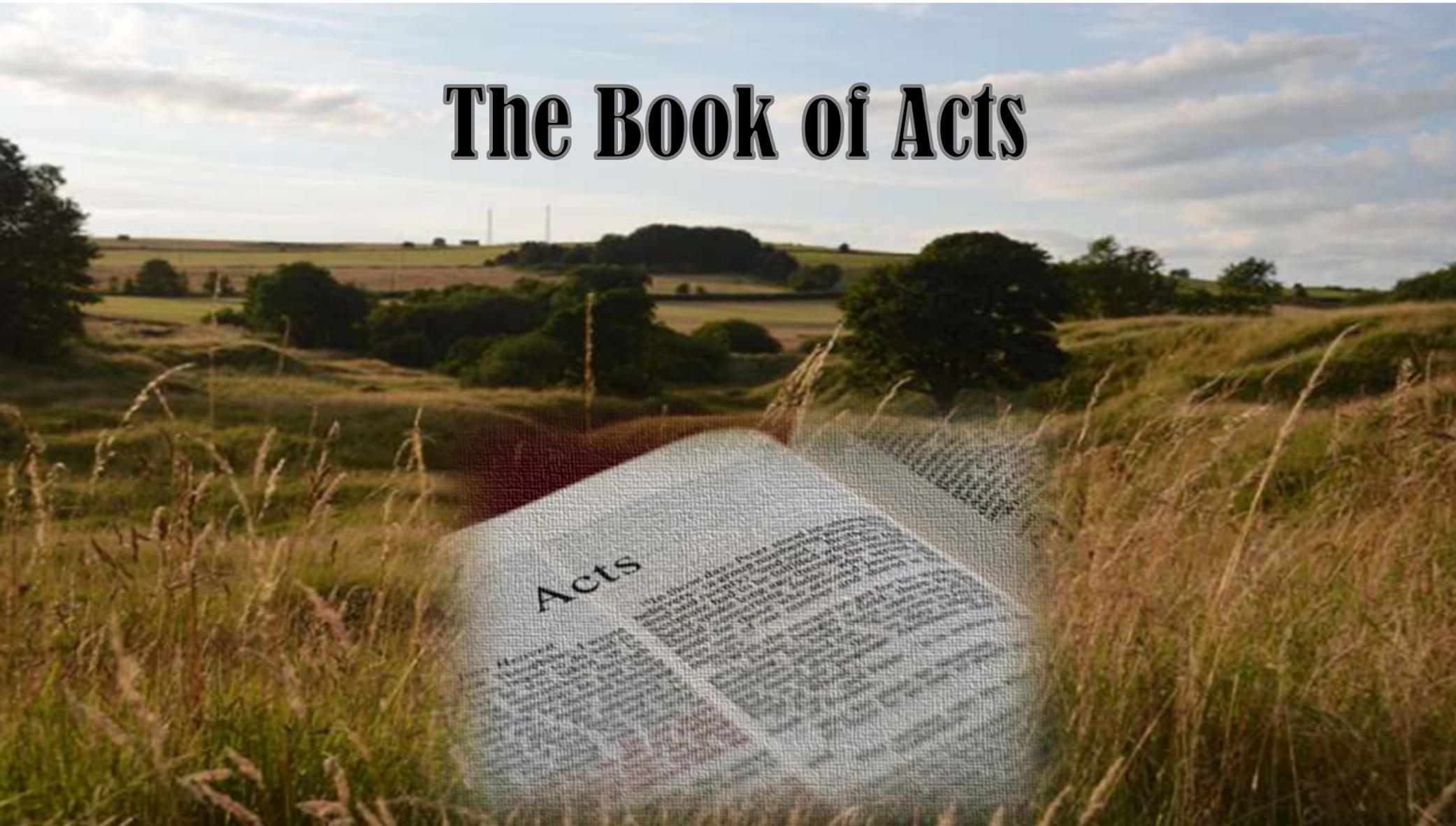


# The Book of Acts



# Facts about Acts

- Who wrote the book of Acts?
  - Luke
- What is the whole title of the book of Acts?
  - The Acts of the Apostles
- Acts covers the first ~30 years of church history! (~33 AD to ~64 AD)
- The disciples spread the word to other countries:
  - Starting in Jerusalem
  - Judea Samaria
  - Antioch
  - Damascus
  - Tarsus
  - Cyprus
  - Rome



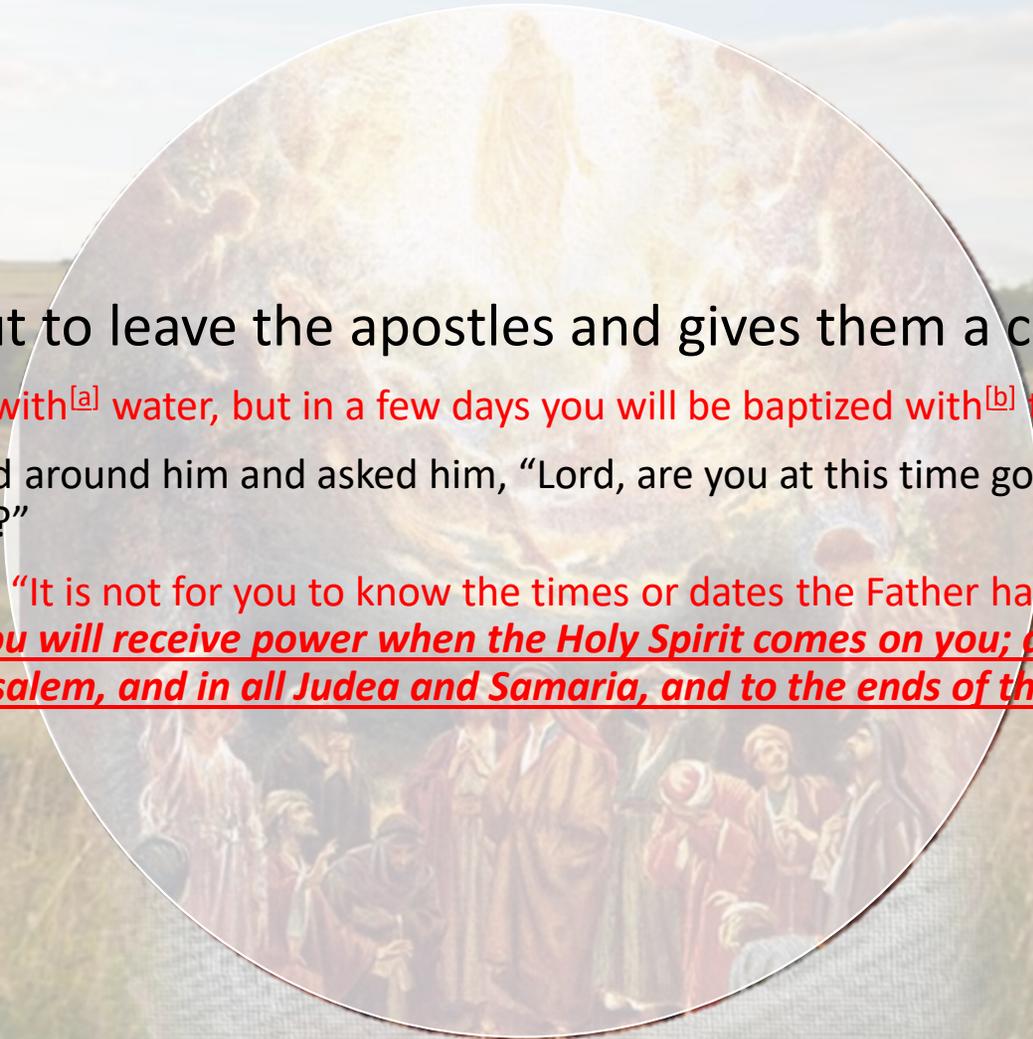
# Acts 1-8

- Jesus is about to leave the apostles and gives them a command:

<sup>5</sup> For John baptized with<sup>[a]</sup> water, but in a few days you will be baptized with<sup>[b]</sup> the Holy Spirit.”

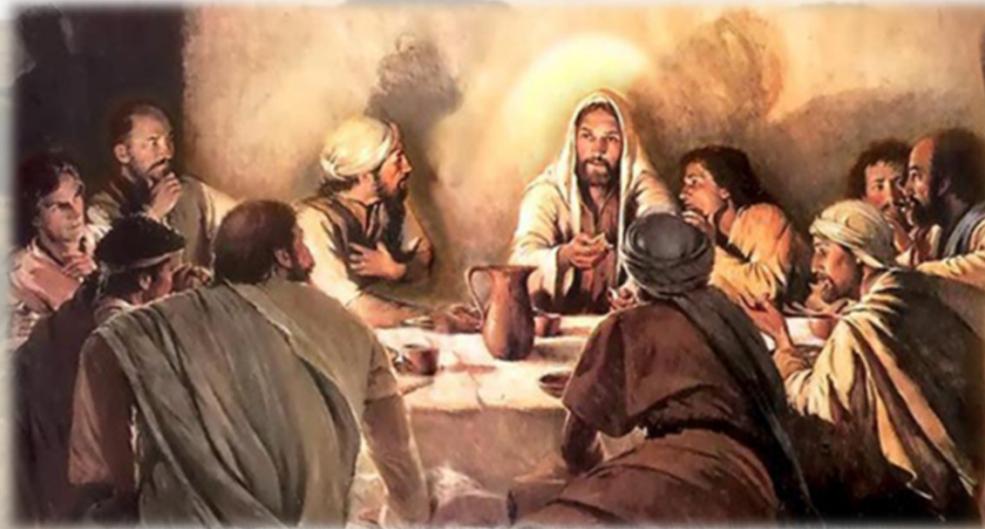
<sup>6</sup> Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

- <sup>7</sup> He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> **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.**”



# A Few Weeks Before

A few weeks before, the disciples were hiding out of fear of persecution!



## **Jesus Appears to His Disciples**

**John 20:19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

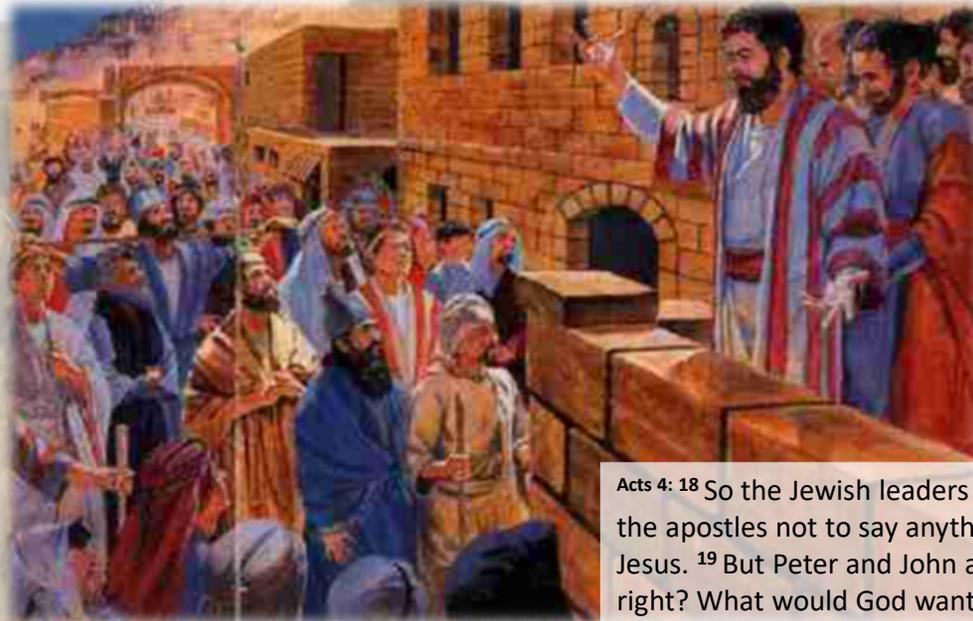
# The Holy Spirit Comes

**Acts 2** When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. <sup>4</sup> They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this.



# Peter Begins Ministry

Acts 2: 40 Peter warned them with many other words; he begged them, "Save yourselves from the evil of the people who live now!" 41 Then those who accepted what Peter said were baptized. On that day about 3000 people were added to the group of believers.



Acts 5: 29 Peter and the other apostles answered, "We must obey God, not you!" 30 You killed Jesus by nailing him to a cross. But God, the same God our fathers had, raised Jesus up from death. 31 Jesus is the one God honored by giving him a place at his right side. He made him our Leader and Savior. God did this to give all the people of Israel the opportunity to change and turn to God to have their sins forgiven

Acts 4: 18 So the Jewish leaders called Peter and John in again. They told the apostles not to say anything or to teach anything in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered them, "What do you think is right? What would God want? Should we obey you or God? 20 We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard."

# Peter Heals a Blind Man



# What Is the Point?

- Why is it surprising that Peter began lead boldly?
  - Peter denied Jesus three times when he was afraid of persecution.
  - Peter and the disciples hid in the upper room after Jesus was crucified.
- What gave Peter and the disciples the power and boldness to preach?
  - The Holy Spirit
- How can we have the Holy Spirit help us?
  - We can accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior and ask for the Holy Spirit to guide us.

