



Acts

New
Testament

β 44th book of the Bible (out of 66)

β 3.24% of the verses in the Bible

β Written by Luke

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Christianity is life-changing. Luke gives us many examples to this in this Book. People who had previously been against God's purposes are transformed as they meet Him and see His power. When the Holy Spirit comes on the believers in chapter 2 they are changed. They quickly go out and speak to people who haven't yet heard about Jesus and the true message of what He came to do and achieve. Many more lives are affected. Throughout this Book we read how God meets people as they are and in His mercy offers forgiveness and a new hope for the future. Even though Acts only has 28 chapters in the Bible, it is easy to consider that there is a chapter 29 that is still being written, as we let God transform both the Church and society today. It is *our* story and the story of the

Church in the last 2000 years that is in chapter 29.

Facts: Luke wrote the second Part of his history of Jesus to the same person he'd written the first Part to: Theophilus. Luke's writings make up 27.5% of the NT - the largest contribution by a single author. In this Book he concentrates on examining what happens to Jesus' followers in the three decades after the Ascension.

'The Acts of the Apostles,' the full title of this book, was a phrase coined (it is thought) by Irenaeus who was an important second century Greek Bishop and not by Luke himself. At first Peter is the human leader, but by chapter 13 Paul has taken on that role. Difficulties occur, but transformation and growth continues. God is in overall charge.

Aim to read the whole book over the next two weeks.