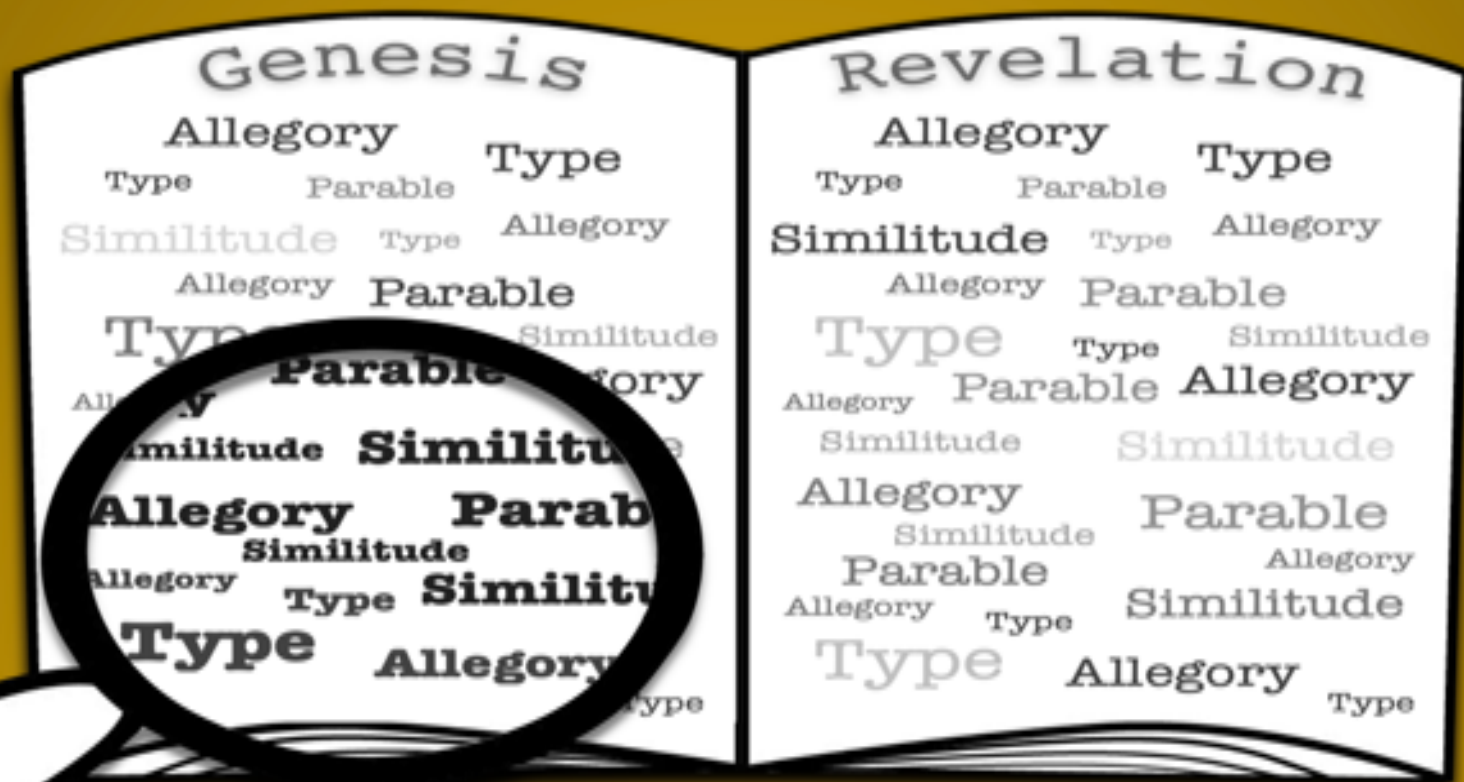


# Reasoning out of the Scriptures by Allegory & Type



Signs in the book of Acts

Study 1 The Temple of God

# Signs In Acts—READ: Act 1:1-9

## TEACHING BY MIRACLES

Mar 6:2 “When the sabbath day was come, he began to **TEACH** in the synagogue: and *many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what **WISDOM** is this which is given unto him, THAT EVEN SUCH **MIGHTY WORKS** ARE WROUGHT BY HIS HANDS?”*

➤ *This instructs us HOW doctrine is conveyed. Furthermore, the power of the doctrine corresponds with the “might” of the works! Thus, mighty signs are in the N.T. and not so much in the O.T.*

1Cor 2:12-14 “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. *Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.* But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned”

# Signs In Acts—READ: Act 1:1-9

## NEW COVENANT TAUGHT IN MIRACLES

- ❑ “What did the Deity ‘signify’ by the use of it in this symbolization? TO GET AT THE DIVINE SIGNIFICATION, WE MUST CONSIDER THE PROPHETIC USE OF THE SYMBOL IN OTHER PARTS OF THE SCRIPTURE”—*J.T. Eureka, Vol 2*
- ❑ “In the revelation communicated to him THE SPIRIT WAS VERY EXACT IN THE USE OF WORDS. When he desired to impart distinct ideas, he did not select one word sign as representative of them all. For different ideas he chose different Greek words and phrases”—*Vol. 2*

1Cor 2:1-5 “My PREACHING was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, BUT IN DEMONSTRATION OF THE SPIRIT AND OF POWER: That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God”

➤ *Our conviction of faith is based on very precise language of Scripture*

FOUNDATION FOR THESE STUDIES—verse by verse consideration

*A. Every sign-miracle teaches specific doctrine of the Messiah*

*B. The Bible serves as its own dictionary for interpretation*

## **Acts 1:3—“40 days speaking things pertaining to Kingdom of God”**

- ***All literal events, because the Kingdom of God is literal.***
- **GENESIS**—Adam federal head of New Heavens/Earth: 7 days (1,000 yrs)
- **EXODUS**—release from bondage; and baptism in Red Sea—the Law
- **JOSHUA**—new covenant in Jesus; entering land by Yah’s Salvation
- **JUDGES**—Yahweh’s provision of a saviour: no King in Israel
- **RUTH**—grafting in of Gentiles before a King reigns in Israel
- **DAVID**—kingdom prepared by bloodshed, trouble
- **SOLOMON**—kingdom established in peace, rest
- **DANIEL**—Kingdom of Babylon vs. Kingdom of God
- **EZRA**—Silver Kingdom restores “House” destroyed by Babylon
- **NEHEMIAH**—King’s wine-bearer calls men to help rebuild Israel’s Hope
- **ESTHER**—hidden Jew in Gentile Times, Fall of Haman
- **PROPHETS**—Israel’s future enacted by “signs” (Jeremiah/Jonah)
- **GOSPELS**—Kingdom of God expounded in parables
- ***We will employ the same principles of “reasoning out of the Scriptures” in our study of signs of the apostles in the Book of Acts.***

**Acts 1:6-8 (v.6) Concerning the Restoration of Israel's Kingdom...**

**v.7** “It is not for you to know, the Times or the Seasons”—this was revealed when Christ was exalted into heaven (Rev 1:1 cf. Mark 13:32).

**v.8** “**BUT** ye shall receive Power, Holy Spirit”—the apostles did not have the Apocalypse—*as we now have*. BUT they were given the Holy Spirit. We possess the entire revealed Word—*produced by Holy Spirit*—not fully manifested in past ages (Col 1:25-27; Eph 3:3-10; Rom 16:25-26; 1The 5:1-2).

- As Christ was “approved of God” by “SIGNS” and wonders (Act 2:22), the teaching of his apostles was also endorsed by “SIGNS” (Act 2:43; 4:30; 5:12; 8:13; 14:3). “Signs” also trans. “miracles” (4:16,22; 6:8; 8:6; 15:12).
- This is the same word related to “SIGNS” of the times (Mat 16:3); “SIGNS” from heaven (Mat 16:1); and “SIGNS” of the Lord’s coming (Mat 24:3,30). *The first century had the former “signs,” we have the latter “signs.”*
- Equally, this expressive word “SIGNS” is applied in the Apocalypse and for the apostasy (2The 2:9; Rev 12:1-3; 15:1)...etc.

**Acts begins: “signs” in Jerusalem, and concludes: “signs” sailing to testify at Rome!**

All assembled speak with tongues  
 Peter heals lame man  
 Ananias/Sapphira struck dead  
 Peter heals with shadow  
 Prison doors opened  
 Peter/John give Holy Spirit  
 Ananias heals Saul's blindness  
 Peter heals Eneas of palsy  
 Peter raises Tabitha from dead  
 Peter delivered from prison

**JEWES**

Jerusalem 2:1-11  
 Jerusalem 3:1-11  
 Jerusalem 5:1-10  
 Jerusalem 5:15  
 Jerusalem 5:19  
 Samaria 8:14-17  
 Damascus 9:17-18  
 Lydda 9:33-34  
 Joppa 9:36-41  
 Jerusalem 12:1-17

Paul smites Elymas w/blindness  
 Paul heals cripple  
 Paul cures woman of Python  
 Paul released from prison  
 Paul gives Spirit/12 speak tongues  
 Paul heals with handkerchief  
 Paul restores Eutychus to life

**GENTILES**

Paphos 13:6-11  
 Lystra 14:8-10  
 Philippi 16:16-18  
 Philippi 16:25-26  
 Corinth 19:1-7  
 Corinth 19:11-12  
 Troas 20:9-12

• THEN, SIGNS FADE AS PAUL TESTIFIES BEFORE POLITICAL/RELIGIOUS POWERS—

Paul survives waves and shipwreck Sea-Nations 27:1-44  
 Paul not hurt by serpent bite Island of Melita 28:1-9 <sup>5</sup>

# Class 1—The Temple of God (Acts 3-4)



□ “The miracles revealed *physically* what the Gospel can do *spiritually*”—

*HPM, Guidebook to the New Testament*

**Mar 16:17 “And these SIGNS shall FOLLOW (accompany) them that believe”**

The word “signs” is *a token, symbol or indication*. Specifically, it is a symbolic event—Old or New Testament—conveying the importance of a particular doctrine of the Truth. This is quite significant:

The Scriptural definition of the “Holy Spirit” has two primary applications: (1) inspired word, (2) divine power—

# The Holy Spirit—(1) The Word of God and (2) Miraculous Power

*Both applications are directly connected in the Preaching of the Gospel*

## The Holy Spirit—The Word of God: Given to record the Inspired Word

Acts 1:15-17 “the *Holy Spirit* by the mouth of David *spake* before concerning Judas....” (Quote *Psa. 41:9*)

Mark 12:36 “For David himself *said* by the *Holy Spirit*, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand...” (Quote from *Psa. 110:1*)

Acts 28:23-27 “Paul (said) *Well spake the Holy Spirit by Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers, Saying...*” (Quoted *Isa. 6:9-10*)

2Pet 1:20-21 “Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God *spake* as they were moved by the *Holy Spirit.*”

## The Holy Spirit—The Power of God: Given to perform Miracles

Luke 1:35 “The angel answered and said unto her, *The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the POWER of the Highest shall overshadow thee*”

Acts 1:8 “Ye shall receive **POWER**, after that the *Holy Spirit* is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses...”

Acts 10:38 “How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth *with the Holy Spirit and with POWER*: who went about doing good”

John 3:1-2 “Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these **MIRACLES** that thou doest, except **GOD BE WITH HIM.**”



**“Gospel” is “Power” to save from sin & death (Luk 4:32-36; 5:17; Rom 1:16)**

- **Mat 4:23** “Jesus went about all Galilee... **PREACHING THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM, AND HEALING ALL MANNER OF SICKNESS AND ALL MANNER OF DISEASE AMONG THE PEOPLE**”
- **Mat 8:8** “**SPEAK THY WORD ONLY, AND MY SERVANT SHALL BE HEALED.**”
- **Mat 8:16** “...**AND HE CAST OUT THE SPIRITS WITH HIS WORD, AND HEALED ALL THAT WERE SICK**” (Luke 9:2)
- **Mar 3:14** “He ordained twelve... **SEND THEM FORTH TO PREACH, And TO HAVE POWER TO HEAL SICKNESSES**”
- **Mark 1:25-27** “They were all amazed...saying...**WHAT NEW DOCTRINE IS THIS?** for with authority **COMMANDETH** *he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him*”

***The Doctrine: the cure of the Gospel of Christ is “forgiveness of sins”***

Jesus healed the man “sick of the palsy,” and said “be of good cheer; **THY SINS BE FORGIVEN THEE**”—**Mat 9:2** (John 9:41). **Mat 1:21**

- **Root word for “gifts” of the spirit is “forgive”** (Luk 7:42-43; 2Cor 2:7,10; 12:13; Eph 4:23; Col 2:13; 3:13—see: Rom 5:14-16; 6:23) “**Spirit**” upon Christ to preach “**deliverance**” (Luke 4:18)

## Sign-Miracles: Healing and Wonders that Confirm Doctrine—

- ❑ “The Law condemned men for their sins: Christ offered them, instead, the forgiveness of these sins. *Each cure was in fact but an example of such forgiveness in symbolic form, PRECISELY BECAUSE EACH DISEASE HE CURED WAS ULTIMATELY ATTRIBUTED TO SIN. The cure was in each case but an outward proof of his right to offer men the true Rest, to wit, release from sin’s grip upon them*”

—Bro. Barling, *Law and Grace*

Mar 16:20 “And they went forth, and **PREACHED** every where, the Lord working with *them*, and **CONFIRMING THE WORD** *with signs following*”

- **THE BIBLE PATTERN IS: TEACHING BEFORE MIRACLES. THE “SIGN” WAS TO CONFIRM THE DOCTRINE BEING TAUGHT** (*Mat 4:23; 8:8,16; 9:35; 1Cor 12:28*) *Apostles before prophets—Eph 2:20; 3:5; 4:11; 1Cor 12:28; Rev 18:20*

Act 14:3 “They speaking boldly in the Lord, *which* **GAVE \*TESTIMONY UNTO THE WORD OF HIS GRACE, and granted signs and wonders to be done** by their hands” **\*WITNESS**

- **SIGNS** being symbolic of the doctrine associated with them, Acts teaches the doctrine of “grace” (John 1:17; Act 4:33; 1Pet 1:10-11).

- **When Moses set forth to free Israel from Egypt, his audible “VOICE” was accompanied by the “VOICE” of “signs”:** ROD & HAND

**Exo 4:8-9** “If they *will not believe thee*, neither hearken to **THE VOICE OF THE FIRST SIGN**, that they will believe **THE VOICE OF THE LATTER SIGN**. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also **THESE TWO SIGNS**, *neither hearken unto thy VOICE*, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour *it* upon the dry *land*: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry *land*.” *“voice” was the “sign”*

□ **“The voices” were “not expressed in words” but ENACTED in the “signs”—J.T. Eureka Vol 2 pg 185**

**Rom 15:19** “**THROUGH MIGHTY SIGNS AND WONDERS, BY THE POWER OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD**; so that *from Jerusalem*, and round about unto Illyricum, *I have FULLY preached the gospel of Christ*” (“to make complete” 2Cor 12:12)

**Paul’s teaching was “in demonstration of the Spirit and of power” 1Cor 2:4**

**1The 1:5** “For our gospel *came not unto you in word only*, **BUT ALSO IN POWER, AND IN THE HOLY GHOST, AND IN MUCH ASSURANCE**; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake”

**Joh 14:12** Verily, verily, I say unto you, **HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, *the works that I do shall he do also; AND GREATER WORKS than these shall he do; BECAUSE I GO UNTO MY FATHER...***

**Joh 14:16** And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another ***Comforter***, that he may abide with you for ever;

**Joh 14:17** ***EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH;*** whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him

**The “spirit of Truth” resulted in “greater works”—“because” Jesus ascended to his father! Luke records that he had been given “*perfect understanding*” from the eye witnesses—Luke 1:3.**

- **Healing was according to faith (Mat 17:18-22; 13:58; 9:29; Act 14:9).**

**Mat 17:19-21** “Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, **Why could not we cast (the devil) out? And Jesus said unto them, BECAUSE OF YOUR UNBELIEF”**

**Act 4:29-31** Peter and John said: **“GRANT UNTO THY SERVANTS, *that with all boldness they may SPEAK THY WORD, By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that SIGNS AND WONDERS MAY BE DONE by the name of thy holy child Jesus... and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness*”**

John 2:15-21 “The Jews...said unto him, **WHAT SIGN SHEWEST THOU UNTO US**, seeing that thou doest these things? *Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.* Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? ***But he spake of the temple of his body.***”

- Literal temple was a “sign” of the Christ body-temple. Significantly, Jews quoted this very reference to justify crucifixion (Mat 26:60-61; 27:40)

Mat 12:39-41 “But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a **SIGN**; and there shall no **SIGN** be given to it, but **THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAS**: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. *The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here*”

- Literal events of Jonah were to be understood as a “sign” that the Gospel rejected by the Jews would be preached to the Gentiles.

## **SIGNS: JOIN THE SPOKEN WORD WITH CORRESPONDING ACTIONS**

Isa 20:3 “LORD said, *Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt...*”

Isa 8:18 “Behold, *I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD*”

Eze 24:24 “Thus *Ezekiel is unto you a sign: according to all that he hath done shall ye do*” (Eze 12:5-11)

Zec 3:8 “O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for *\*they are men wondered at*: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH” *\*(mg. “men of sign”)*

- *This study: to find the doctrine enacted in the “signs”—the doctrine of Redemption in Christ as manifested in the Acts of the Apostles.*

Act 21:10-11 “There came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. And when he was come unto us, *he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, THUS SAITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles*”

**1Pet 1:10-11** “Of which *salvation* THE PROPHETS have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of *the grace that should come* unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time **THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST WHICH WAS IN THEM** did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow” (Hos 12:10)

❑ “The *Spirit of Christ was in the prophets*; so the apostle Peter says (1Pet 1:11). And this being so, the prophets **NOT ONLY SPOKE** beforehand of Christ, **AND TYPICALLY REPRESENTED HIM...**”—  
*C.C. Walker, Ministry of the Prophets, pg. 707*

❑ “Prophets, like Hosea **LIVED THE DOCTRINE THEY TESTIFIED. Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Isaiah were men of sign.** Thus, **THE HISTORY OF YAHWEH’S SERVANTS ALSO EMPLOYS DOCTRINE**”—*HPM, Logos Aug. 1962*

*In the “signs” of Acts we note actions of apostles, which conveys doctrine. It teaches and demands that doctrine and walk cannot be separated. The “spirit of Christ was in them” by extension of the Lord’s work.*

- *The phrase joining “apostles and prophets” appears often in Scripture (Luke 11:49; 1Cor 12:28; Eph 2:20; 3:5; 4:11).*

Book of Acts is an extension of the chronological gospel of Christ;  
especially as laid out in the Book of Luke. **Luk 24:48; Joh 15:27; Act 1:8; 10:39-41**  
Most Appropriately—received by Jewish eyewitnesses to enlighten the Gentiles

**Luke 1:1** Forasmuch as many have taken in hand *to set forth in order* a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among us,  
2 Even *as they delivered them unto us*, which from the beginning were *eyewitnesses*, and ministers of the word;  
3 It seemed good to me also, having had PERFECT (*complete*) UNDERSTANDING of all things from the very first, *to write unto thee in order, most excellent THEOPHILUS...*

**Acts 1:1** **THE FORMER TREATISE** **HAVE I MADE, O \*THEOPHILUS,** of all that Jesus began *both to do and teach, (doctrine enacted)*  
2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:  
3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days...  
**\*AFFECTION FOR GOD**



**Luke 24:44-53** “He said unto them, *These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.* THEN OPENED HE THEIR UNDERSTANDING, THAT THEY MIGHT UNDERSTAND THE SCRIPTURES, And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus **IT BEHOVED CHRIST TO SUFFER, AND TO RISE FROM THE DEAD THE THIRD DAY: AND THAT REPENTANCE AND REMISSION OF SINS SHOULD BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME AMONG ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM.** And ye are witnesses of these things. And, behold, **I SEND THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU:** *but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.* And HE LED THEM OUT AS FAR AS TO BETHANY (**house of fruits**), and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. And it came to pass, while he blessed them, *he was parted from them,* and carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: And were **\*CONTINUALLY IN THE TEMPLE,** praising and blessing God. Amen” **\*scene of Lame Man**

- ***The context of the Holy Spirit: understanding of the Law, Prophets and Psalms concerning Messiah and remission of sins.***

Act 1:4 Being assembled together with *them*, commanded them that *they should* **\*not depart from Jerusalem, BUT WAIT FOR \*THE PROMISE OF THE FATHER, WHICH, SAITH HE, YE HAVE HEARD OF ME. \*Lk 24:49**

Act 1:5 For John truly baptized with water; **BUT YE SHALL BE BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT NOT MANY DAYS HENCE. \*Jerusalem city of Truth zec 8:3**

**Promise of the Father**—after his resurrection, Jesus “breathed on” his disciples (*spirit of Messiah*), to extend his work—a *sobering exhortation*:

“Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: **AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO I SEND YOU**. When he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, **RECEIVE YE THE HOLY SPIRIT: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained**”—Joh 20:21-23

- **The Holy Spirit-Comforter instructed the apostles unto “all Truth” (*John 14:12-17; 15:26; 1John 5:6*), **AFTER and BECAUSE** the Lord had been resurrected and “glorified” (Joh 7:39). For scriptural understanding, it was “expedient for the apostles that the Lord went away” (Joh 16:7).**
- **Note: it was after his resurrection upon “breaking bread” that “<sup>1</sup>their eyes were opened and they knew him” Luke 24:30-31**

Joh 14:26 “But **the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost**, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach you all things**, and **BRING ALL THINGS TO YOUR REMEMBRANCE, WHATSOEVER I HAVE SAID UNTO YOU.**”

Joh 15:26 “But **when the Comforter is come**, whom I will send unto you from the Father, **even the Spirit of truth**, which proceedeth from the Father, he **SHALL TESTIFY OF ME**”

Joh 16:12-14 “**I have yet many things to say unto you, BUT YE CANNOT BEAR THEM NOW.** Howbeit when he, **the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth** (the Comforter v. 7)”

- The Comforter of the Spirit of Truth brought the apostles into a full understanding of Christ as “the Truth” (John 1:17; 14:6). The Holy Spirit “signs” confirmed the doctrine of Jesus as a fulfillment of the Law & Prophets (Joh 14:12-17). *Eureka Vol 1. pg 162-163*
- Before suffering and entering into “his glory,” the eyes of the disciples were “holden.” It was after he was “glorified” they “remembered” and (John 12:16; 14:26) and gave them the ability to expound Christ out of the “Law and Prophets.” (Act 17:2-3; 18:4, 28; 19:8; 26:22<sup>18</sup>; 28:23).

# Acts 3-5—The Doctrine of God Manifestation

## Body of Messiah: The Temple of Yahweh

*Foundational Doctrine: First Sign By Hands of the Apostles*

Luk 24:53 “And were **CONTINUALLY IN THE TEMPLE**, praising and blessing God. Amen”

Acts 2:46-47 “And they, **CONTINUING DAILY WITH ONE ACCORD IN THE TEMPLE**, AND BREAKING BREAD FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE”

Acts 5:41-42 “And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name. **AND DAILY IN THE TEMPLE**, AND IN EVERY HOUSE, THEY CEASED NOT TO TEACH AND PREACH JESUS CHRIST.

### JESUS CHRIST—FOUNDATION OF THE MANIFESTED THE FATHER’S GLORY

John 1:14 “And THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH, **AND \*DWELT AMONG US**, and we beheld his glory, *the glory as of the only begotten of the Father*, **FULL OF GRACE AND TRUTH**” **\*Young’s, Amp. “DID TABERNACLE”**

## Acts 3—Sign of The True Temple and True Offering

Act 3:1 Now Peter and John went up together INTO THE TEMPLE at the hour of prayer, *being the ninth hour.*

- **Jesus began and concluded his ministry with cleansing the Temple—**  
John 2:15-21 “(He) made a scourge of small cords, **HE DROVE THEM ALL OUT OF THE TEMPLE, AND THE SHEEP AND THE OXEN...** and overthrew the tables; And said unto **THEM THAT SOLD DOVES**, Take these things hence; make not my Father's HOUSE an HOUSE of merchandise... the Jews and said unto him, **WHAT SIGN SHEWEST THOU UNTO US**, seeing that thou doest these things? **Jesus answered and said unto them, DESTROY THIS TEMPLE, and in three days I will raise it up.** Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? **BUT HE SPAKE OF THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY.”** **Mat 12:1-8**
- **The literal temple was THE “sign” of the Christ “temple-body” raised**
- **His “BODY” is the “ECCLESIA” (Eph 1:22-23; 4:15-16; 5:23; Col 1:18,24).**
- ***Of course, the “daily sacrifice” being taken away (Dan 8:11-13; 11:31), establishing Christ as the central place for all Divine Worship: the Temple***

- **2Sam 7**—Dwelling in his own house of cedar, David’s conscience moved him to build a House for Yahweh. However, it was God who promised that the SON of David would sit upon his throne and erect the Temple (2Chr 6:8-10); which was the Lord Jesus Christ (Luk 1:30-35)

**Act 7:47-48** “Solomon built him an house. Howbeit, the Most High **DWELLETH NOT IN TEMPLES MADE WITH HANDS; as saith the prophet**”  
(2Chr 6:18; Act 17:24-25; 1Kin 8:27).

**Mar 14:55-58** “There arose certain, and *bare false witness* against him, saying, *We heard him say, I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and within three days I will build* **ANOTHER MADE WITHOUT HANDS.**”

**Heb 9:11** “Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, *by a greater and more perfect tabernacle*, **NOT MADE WITH HANDS**, that is to say, not of this building...” (Heb 9:23-24).

**Heb 9:24** “For Christ is **NOT ENTERED INTO THE HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS, which are the figures of the true; BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF**, now to appear in the presence of God for us” (note the time of the first “sign” Act 3:1)

○ ***The Temple was always more about principles than the structure***<sup>21</sup>

**Act 3:1** Now Peter and John went up *together* into the temple at *the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour*.

**Prayer, Ninth Hour**—time of evening offering (Luk 1:10; Act 10:3; Rev 5:8; 8:3-4; Dan 9:21; Psa 141:2). This was the very time when Christ died and the veil of the TEMPLE rent (Mat 27:45-46); opening access to God through the SACRIFICE of Christ (Eph 2:11-22; Heb 10:20).

- **Temple erected where Abraham offered Isaac—Gen 22; 2Chr 3:1**

**Exo 25:8** And let THEM make ME a sanctuary; *that I may dwell among them. (tabernacle called, became temple 1Sam 1:9; 3:3)*

**Lev 26:11-12** “I will set my TABERNACLE **AMONG** YOU: and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will **WALK** among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people.” (Eze 43:9; Zec 2:10; 1Jhn 4:12-15)

☐ “Every true son and daughter of the Lord God Almighty IS A **MINIATURE TABERNACLE OR TEMPLE**, as saith Paul, ‘Ye are the temple of the living God. If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy’.”— **Law of Moses, R. Roberts**

**2Cor 6:14-18** “Be ye not unequally YOKED TOGETHER with unbelievers: for what FELLOWSHIP hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what COMMUNION hath light with darkness? And what CONCORD hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what AGREEMENT hath the *temple* of God with idols? FOR YE ARE THE TEMPLE of the living God; as God hath said, *I will dwell in them, and WALK in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.* Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty”

➤ Remember the Sign: “walk”—a “lame” man!

- Paul’s quotation of **Lev 26:12** shows the principles of the Tabernacle require separation from Egypt/darkness. Yahweh can’t dwell “IN” His people otherwise. “Be ye holy...” (Lev 20:26).
- Israel was roundly condemned for polluting Yahweh’s Temple through association with the stranger (2Chr 36:14; Eze 8:5-16). Those in the world have never had their “walk” straightened.



**Eph 2:19-22** “Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the HOUSEHOLD of God; And are BUILT UPON THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, Jesus Christ himself being THE CHIEF CORNER STONE; *In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an HOLY TEMPLE IN THE LORD:* In whom ye also are builded together **FOR AN HABITATION OF GOD THROUGH THE SPIRIT”**      *Solomon’s Temple “seven years in building”—1Kin 6:37-28*

**1Cor 6:15-20** “KNOW YE NOT THAT YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHICH IS IN YOU, WHICH YE HAVE OF GOD, AND YE ARE NOT YOUR OWN? For ye are bought with a price: therefore \*GLORIFY God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's” \**Glory of Yahweh filled tabernacle (Exo 40)*

**1Cor 3:16-17** “ Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that **the Spirit of God DWELLETH** in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are”

- The responsibility of Brethren is to Manifest God in our lives; to be repositories of the Spirit-Word dwelling in us. *Nothing is further from superficial ritual than the principle of God Manifestation.*

**The apostles use the physical body of saints as representations of a “tabernacle,” such as 2Cor 5:1-4. Consider the Apocalypse—**

**Rev 21:1-4 “And I saw a NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, NEW JERUSALEM, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, *Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and HE WILL DWELL WITH THEM, and they shall be his people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away”***

- This language follows the phases of the literal tabernacle; for it will not be realized until Yahweh is glorified in His saints, which will be a fulfillment of the Divine Name... *“manifested in a multitude”*.**
- *Understanding the Old Testament teaching of the Temple—erected by David’s Son, Solomon—is vital for comprehending this sign in the Book of Acts.***

Act 3:2 A certain man **LAME FROM \*HIS MOTHER'S WOMB** was carried, whom they *laid daily at the gate of the temple* which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that *entered into the temple* **\*Spirit "birth" needed to Walk in Christ (1Pet 1:23; Joh 1:12; Rom 8:10-15)**

Act 3:3 Who seeing Peter and John **\*ABOUT TO GO INTO THE TEMPLE** asked an *alms*. **\*symbol of fulfilling its principles**

From his mother's womb—condition of all natural men (Psa 51:5; Job 25:4; Rom 5:12) ***Yahweh cannot be manifested in a man born only of flesh***

Carried, Laid daily at the gate—the assistance of others could not bring him into the One "greater than the temple" (Joh 2:14-21)—Messiah **Gate—same word trans. "I am THE DOOR," said Jesus (Joh 10:7)**

Beautiful—Gk. "*belonging to the right hour.*" Root translated "*hour*" in the context of the precise time of the Lord's death (Mar 14:35,41).

Ask alms—Gk. (Str. 1654) from the root "MERCY" (Str. 1656). Trans. such in Jesus' words regarding "mercy" over outward ritual of the Law (Mat 23:23). ***Also Gal 6:15-16. The "lame man" needed "MERCY." Christ said "Go learn what this meaneth, I will have mercy and not sacrifice; for I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance"—Mat 9:13***

- For Jews under the Law, the Temple became a place of mere outward tradition and superficial ceremony.

**Jer 7:1-10** “The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, **Stand in THE GATE of the LORD'S house (*place of the lame man*)**, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, *that enter in at these gates to worship the LORD*. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, *Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place*. **TRUST YE NOT IN LYING WORDS, SAYING, THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD, THE TEMPLE OF THE LORD...**”

- The “GATE” was the entrance/door to worship at Yahweh’s House; the Temple. *The sign-miracle of the “lame man” taught the doctrine of the apostles (Peter and John) calling a multitude to enter with them in true worship of Yahweh, based on the Christ-Temple.*

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**Act 6:14** “We have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall *destroy this place*, and shall **CHANGE THE CUSTOMS WHICH MOSES DELIVERED US.**” \***they knew this changed application of the Law: from Letter to Spirit**<sup>27</sup>

Act 3:4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, **\*LOOK ON US.** **\*trans “perceive” (Mar 4:12; Act 28:26)**

Act 3:5 And *he gave heed unto them*, expecting to receive something of them.

Act 3:6 Then Peter said, *Silver and gold have I none; but such as I HAVE give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*  
**RISE UP AND WALK.**

**Rise Up and Walk**—exact Greek phrase in **Rom 6:4: “As Christ was RAISED UP from the dead...we also should WALK in a newness of life.”**

• *Here, then, is the new “temple body” raised up after “three days.”*

**In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth**—the key doctrine **3:16; 4:7,10-30**

○ The “holy temple” of the New Covenant is “built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets” with Christ as the “chief cornerstone,” and all “fitly framed together.” The end result: “an habitation of God through the spirit”—*Eph 2:19-22*

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**Jer 10:23 “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that WALKETH TO DIRECT HIS STEPS”<sup>28</sup>**

❑ ENTERING THE TEMPLE—“The NAME OF JESUS CHRIST comprehends all that is affirmable of him; and is therefore the summary of his character as a prophet, sacrifice, priest, and king. Hence, TO UNDERSTAND HIS NAME WE MUST KNOW WHAT IS TESTIFIED OF HIM *in the law, the prophets, the psalms, and the apostles.*” —*Elpis Israel*

Act 3:7 And *he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up:* and immediately his feet and ankle bones *received strength.*

**Silver and Gold**—“ye were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, such as silver and gold, from your VAIN CONVERSATION received by TRADITION of your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ” 1Pet 1:18-19. Exo 30

**Right Hand**—exalted status of Christ (Acts 2:33; 5:31), redeeming others (Rom 8:34; Eph 1:18-23; Heb 8:1; 10:12). Therefore, “fellowship” (Gal 2:9)

**Lifted Up**—trans “awake” from spiritual sleep (Rom 13:11; Eph 5:14)

**Received strength**—Gk. “make strong, mature.” From Mosaic to Christ:

Heb 5:12-14 “The time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be the first principles of the oracles of God (the Law);* and are become such as have need of milk, and not of STRONG MEAT... STRONG MEAT belongeth to them that are of full age”

**Acts 4:1-5**—records the anger of the Jewish leaders for this miracle. They put Peter and John “in HOLD” (*bondage under the Law*).

Root word trans “KEEP the Law” (Act 15:24; Jam 2:10).

Then, they appear before the “high priest” and elders:

Act 4:6 And Annas **THE HIGH PRIEST**, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, *and as many as were of the kindred of the HIGH PRIEST*, were gathered together at Jerusalem.

Act 4:7 And when they had set them in the midst, they asked, *By what power, OR BY WHAT NAME, have ye done this?*

**JESUS CHRIST—THE GREATER HIGH PRIEST OF A GREATER TEMPLE**

Heb 9:11-12 But Christ being come *an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, NOT MADE WITH HANDS*, that is to say, *not of this building*; Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption ~~for us...~~ *superior sacrifice*

Heb 9:24 For Christ is **NOT ENTERED INTO THE HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS**, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us

Act 4:22 For the man **WAS ABOVE FORTY YEARS OLD**, on whom this miracle of healing was shewed.

**Above 40—number associated with the Mosaic—“the Law of Moses.”**

- Moses was “40 years old” when he departed from Egypt. He was “40 years” in the wilderness before being sent into Egypt Then, another “40 years” with Israel and was not permitted to enter the Land (Acts 7:23, 30, 36; Exo 7:7). *The Mercy Seat was Above the Ark—Rom 5:20*

**Above—trans. “more excellent,” and “greater” (Mat 12:41-42; Heb 11:4)**

- This “sign” represents the elevation to the “spirit” of the Law in Christ!

**The Holy Spirit: Teaching of Grace in Christ as Superior to The Law**

- The Spirit, through the apostle Paul, establishes that the miracles and signs were proof of the New Covenant as superior to the Law:

**Gal 3:1-5 “O foolish Galatians...This only would I learn of you, **RECEIVED YE THE SPIRIT by the works of THE LAW** (ABOVE 40 YEARS), or by the hearing of faith?...He therefore that MINISTERETH TO YOU THE SPIRIT, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?**”**

(Eph 4:7-12)



**Hos 6:6** “For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God *more than burnt offerings*” (Mic 6:6-8; Jer 6:20; Amo 5:21; Mat 9:13)

**1Sam 15:22** “Hath the LORD *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, *as in obeying the voice of the LORD?* Behold, *to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams*”

**Isa 1:11-13** “*To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? ...I am full of the burnt offerings...Bring no more vain oblations*”

## **New Covenant In Christ Fulfilled in Spirit, Not Letter of the Law**

**Rom 12:1-2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that *ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.* And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is that good, and ACCEPTABLE, and perfect, will of God*” *acceptable offering*

**Heb 10:4-7** “For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, BUT A BODY HAST THOU PREPARED ME: In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. *Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.*”

Joh 2:18-22 “The Jews and said unto him, **WHAT SIGN** SHEWEST THOU UNTO US, seeing that thou doest these things? *Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up... he spake of the* **TEMPLE OF HIS BODY. WHEN THEREFORE HE WAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, HIS DISCIPLES REMEMBERED THAT HE HAD SAID THIS UNTO THEM; and they believed the scripture,** and the word which Jesus had said”

- This “sign” was a confirmation of the doctrine of “the temple” of Jesus’ ecclesial “body” created, like Eve, by his resurrection! Those who “walk” in a newness of life, resurrected from the Old Man of the flesh—born “lame” from a mother’s womb:

John 3:3-6 “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.** Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH; AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT”**

The Temple is where the observances of the Law of Moses were practiced (Luke 2:27; 2Kin 22:8...etc.). The “LAME MAN” rep. Israel under the Law. His new walk rep. greater worship in Christ Jesus the Lord.

Ecc 5:1 “KEEP **THY FOOT** when thou goest to **THE HOUSE OF GOD**, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil” (Isa 1:11-17)                      **\*House of God is the Temple**

2Cor 3:6-7 “Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: *for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*”

- Instead of mere outward ritual, the Law was intended to teach principle. The Law is “holy, and just, and good”—Rom 7:12.

Rom 7:6 “Now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; **THAT WE SHOULD SERVE IN NEWNESS OF SPIRIT, AND NOT IN THE OLDNESS OF THE LETTER**”

Mat 23:23 “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, *and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith*: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, AND NOT TO LEAVE THE OTHER UNDONE”

Act 3:8 And he LEAPING up stood, and **WALKED**, and **ENTERED WITH THEM INTO THE TEMPLE**, **WALKING**, and *leaping*, and PRAISING GOD. (*new walk—Gal 5:16,25; Eph 4:1,17*)

Act 3:11 And as the lame man which was healed *held Peter and John*, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called **SOLOMON'S**, greatly wondering.

**Walking, Leaping—**“The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way” Psa 37:23

**Entered with them into the Temple—**now a brother in Christ, he entered into the Body of Christ/the Temple by walking in a newness of life.

- *Temple was the “House of God.” This man now lifted by the Right Hand enters the Ecclesia (Christ-Body) House of God (1Tim 3:15; Dan 5:3)*

**Solomon—**typical of Christ. As the Son of David he taught by parables (1Kin 4:32; Pro 1:1; Mat 13:34), and actually was appointed to the throne by the resurrection of David from his death-bed (1Kin 1). Christ is continually appealed to as “the Son of David” for healing (Mat 9:27; 12:23; 15:22; 20:30-31; 21:9). The “Son of David” did and will build again the Temple for Yahweh’s glory! (see: 1Chr 22:6-10)

Act 3:14 But *ye denied the Holy One and the Just*, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;

Act 3:15 And killed THE PRINCE (**AUTHOR**) OF LIFE, WHOM GOD HATH **RAISED FROM THE DEAD**; whereof we are witnesses.

Act 3:16 And *his name* **THROUGH FAITH IN HIS NAME** *hath made this man* **\*STRONG**, whom ye see and know: yea, THE FAITH *which is by him hath given him this* **\*perfect soundness** in the presence of you all. **\*Heb 5:12** **\*entire, completely whole**

**Prince of Life**—title refers to redemption from death! God, by Jesus Christ *“abolished death and brought life and immortality to life”* 2Tim 1:10

**Raised**—same word v.6 *“rise up”* and v.7 *“lifted him up”*

**Through Faith In His Name**—atonement by Jesus Christ; forgiveness.

The N.T. term “faith” does not simply imply belief. It represents the process of redemption—forgiveness of sins—through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Jesus:

Act 26:18 *“To turn them from darkness to light... that they may receive FORGIVENESS OF SINS, and inheritance among them which are sanctified BY FAITH that is in me”*

## The First Sign in Acts: Spreading Gospel—Teaching In Tongues

1Cor 14:21-22 “In the law it is written, *With men of other tongues and other lips will I speak unto this people*; and yet for all that will they not hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore **TONGUES ARE FOR A SIGN, NOT TO THEM THAT BELIEVE, BUT TO THEM THAT BELIEVE NOT**” (Isa 28:11-12)

- After his resurrection, the Lord’s disciples became his witnesses to spread the Word “*in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*” (Act 1:1-9).
- The “sign” of tongues accelerated and symbolized the “doctrine” Jesus’ death/resurrection would benefit all nations (Mat 28:19).

Acts 2:1-11 “When **THE DAY OF PENTECOST** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place...And *they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and* **BEGAN TO SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES, AS THE SPIRIT GAVE THEM UTTERANCE**. And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, *out of every nation under heaven...every man heard them speak in his own language*”

- *Remember: Holy Spirit equals Doctrine-Teaching*

Act 2:1 And when **THE DAY OF PENTECOST** was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing \*mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. \*wind—reps “doctrine” (Eph 4:14; Mar 4:41)

**Why Pentecost** SPECIFICALLY chosen for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit:

**PASSOVER** Lev 23:5 In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD'S **PASSOVER**.

Christ is called “our passover” (1Cor 5:7).

**FIRSTFRUITS** Lev 23:10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring a sheaf of the **FIRSTFRUITS** of your harvest unto the priest: And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: **ON THE MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH** the priest shall wave it.

Christ is called the “firstfruits” to rise from the dead (1Cor. 15:20, 23; Acts 26:23; Rev. 1:5; Col. 1:18).  
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**PENTECOST** Lev 23:15-17 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; **SEVEN SABBATHS** shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number **FIFTY DAYS**; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your habitations **TWO WAVE LOAVES** of two tenth deals: they shall be of fine flour; they shall be **BAKEN WITH LEAVEN; THEY ARE THE FIRSTFRUITS** unto the LORD.

**Jew & Gentile are “two wave loaves” as “firstfruits” (Jam 1:18; Rev 14:4).**

#### **Pentecost: Moses—Law**

**40 days mount (Exo 24:16-17)**  
**Law 50 days Passover (Exo 19)**  
**About 3,000 die (Exo 32:28)**  
**Red Sea Baptism (1Cor 10)**  
**Mount Sinai (Exo 19)**  
**Receiving the Law (Exo 19-24)**  
**Burning Fire mount (Exo 19:18)**  
**Voice of God (Exo 19:19)**

#### **Pentecost: Christ—Grace**

**40 days w/apostles (Act 1:3)**  
**Grace 50 days Passover (Act 2)**  
**About 3,000 baptized (Act 2:41)**  
**Christ Baptism (Acts 2:41)**  
**Jerusalem (Acts 1:13)**  
**Receiving the Spirit (Acts 2-3)**  
**Spirit given by Fire (Acts 2:3)**  
**Many tongues (Acts 2:4)**

**This “sign” emphasized the doctrine of the Gospel going into all nations**



**Rom 5:6** For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died FOR the ungodly.

- **Gk: means “FOR THE BENEFIT OF” not “instead of.”** In the Law, animals rep. the person offering! Greater in Christ in that he was a sinless man, far superior to bulls and goats (Heb 9:13; 10:4).

**Rom 5:8** But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

- **Alienated by ignorance, wicked works (Eph 2:12; 4:18; Col 1:21)**

**Rom 5:9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. (**wrath: Eph 2:2-3; Rom 6**)

**Rom 5:10** For if, when we WERE enemies, we WERE reconciled to God by the death of his Son, *much more*, being reconciled, we SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE. (***enemies—hateful, foe toward God***)

- **Note tenses: “were” enemies and “shall be” saved.** At his return to change our vile bodies (Phi 3:20-21; 1Cor 15:40-54; Rom 8:23). “When he shall appear, we shall be like him” 1John 3:1-3. The crown of immortality rewarded to the faithful “at his appearing” (2Tim 4:8)

## **The Holy Spirit as The Apostolic Witness:**

**Acts 1:8 “Ye shall *receive power*, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be WITNESSES unto me both *in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth*”**

- The Law and Prophets were “witnesses” of Christ (Rom 3:21-22).
- The written testimony was a “witness” (2Cor 13:1).
- Moses was also a “witness” of Jesus (John 5:31-47).
- John Baptist was a “witness” of Christ (John 1:7-8; 3:26).
- Jesus’ own works were a “witness” of his Sonship (John 10:25)
- Now the apostles, with power were a “witness” (Act 4:33; 5:32)
- **SIN and DEATH under THE LAW was condemned by “two or three witnesses” (see: Deu 17:6-7; Deu 19:15). FORGIVENESS and LIFE under CHRIST was endorsed by the same principle, beginning with the resurrection!**
- ***False witnesses testified against Christ to condemn him unto death —Mark 14:55-60 (Acts 22:15). True witnesses now testified of his life and resurrection—(Acts 13:31).***

- **As witnesses of Jesus' resurrection, SIGNS were performed "in his name," representing the doctrinal efficacy of his resurrection:**

**Act 3:6 "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" (Acts 3:12-16; 4:7, 10, 18; 5:40)**

**Act 4:30 "By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done *by the name of thy holy child Jesus*"**

**Acts 9:34 "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, make thy bed. And he arose immediately"**

**Act 16:18 "I command thee *in the name of Jesus Christ* to come out of her. And he came out the same hour"**

- **THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST BENEFITED MEN BY PROVIDING FORGIVENESS OF SINS, AND THEREFORE SALVATION FROM ETERNAL DEATH.**

**1Cor 15:14-17 "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. We are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not... And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins"**

## PROPHETIC SIGNS Enacted and Lived BY the Prophets—

- Jer 13:1-10... the sign of the linen girdle
  - Jer 18:1-10... the clay marred in the potter's house (Yahweh's ability to form the clay)
  - Jer 19:1-10... the broken bottle (how Yahweh will break His people); Jer 27-Jer 28:10... the yoke of servitude...
  - 1Kin 11:30-31... rending the garment in 12 pieces (Israel's tribes no longer united)
  - Eze 24:1-27... the prophet's wife dies as a "sign"
  - Eze 12:1-28... prophet removes stuff from the house (Israel removed from Land)
  - Eze 4:1-7... tile and iron to show siege of Jerusalem
  - Hos 1:1-9... prophet's unfaithful wife (Hos 3:1-5)
  - Acts 21:10-11... prophet binds hands and feet (Paul to be bound)
- *When we consider that prophets and apostles enacted the "signs" they spoke it teaches the vital doctrine of GOD MANIFESTATION. It is evidence that doctrine and walk cannot be separated; and understanding of the Word isn't just academic.*

# MOVEMENT OF THE GOSPEL PREACHING

**Act 1:8** “Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth”

**Jerusalem**

Acts 1-thru-7 (*city of great king Mat 5:35*)

**Judaea & Samaria**

Acts 8:1-25 (*previously forbidden Mat 10:5*)

**Uttermost Earth**

Acts 8:26-40 (moves toward Africa)

Acts 9:1-10:5 (moves toward Asia)

Acts 10:6-18:28 (moves toward Europe)

Acts 19-28 (moves toward Rome)

- Principle: To Both Jew and Gentile the witness of the Truth has gone forth—Jews in Jerusalem, Jews in Dispersion, Gentiles visiting Jerusalem, and Gentiles in the uttermost parts of the earth. The “signs” of Acts follow this pattern of preaching. First century given “sign” of miracles, Gentiles given “sign” of “times and seasons.”
- Note: Acts begins in Jerusalem with Jews resisting the Word and concludes with Gentiles hearing the Gospel (Acts 28:23-28).

## Acts 1—spreading of the Seed of the Word

**Mat 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**Mat 28:19** Go ye therefore, and *teach all nations* (mg. “**make disciples**”), baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

**Mat 28:20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

- **All Nations**—Gk. “ethnos” (Eng. *ethnic*), translated “Gentile or heathen.” The GOSPEL was about the “KINGDOM,” the nucleus of which is the Abrahamic Covenant (see: Gal 3:8).

The Word goes forth from Yahweh, accomplishing His purpose (Isa 55:11). Thus, the Gospel to all peoples was sent out first from “Jerusalem,” where all nations will ultimately be gathered: a prophecy of the seed of Truth.

➤ **NOTE:** as the “holy spirit” signs begin to diminish in latter chapters of the Book of Acts, the “times and seasons” are gradually demonstrated, as Paul witnesses before political powers of the Roman World.

## Signs a “witness” to the Doctrine of GRACE—Forgiveness unto Life

Act 4:33 “With *great power gave the apostles witness* of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **GREAT GRACE** was upon them all”

Act 14:3 “Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which *gave testimony unto the* **WORD OF HIS GRACE, and granted signs and wonders to be done** by their hands”

1Pet 1:10 “Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied *of* **THE GRACE that should come** unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify... which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you *with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven...*”

Heb 2:3-4 “How shall we escape, if we neglect **SO GREAT SALVATION;** which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, **AND WAS CONFIRMED UNTO US BY THEM THAT HEARD HIM; GOD ALSO BEARING THEM WITNESS, BOTH WITH SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND WITH DIVERS MIRACLES, AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST,** according to his own will?”

## **A SIGN INVOLVING ONE IS INTENDED TO IMPACT MULTITUDES**

Joh 11:4,45 “When Jesus heard *that*, he said, *This sickness (of Lazarus) is not unto death, BUT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, THAT THE SON OF GOD MIGHT BE GLORIFIED THEREBY...* Then *many of the Jews* which came to Mary, and had seen the things which Jesus did, *believed on him.*”

Joh 9:1-3 “As Jesus passed by, he saw *a man which was blind from his birth*. And his disciples asked him, saying, *Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?* Jesus answered, *Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: BUT THAT THE WORKS OF GOD SHOULD BE MADE MANIFEST IN HIM*”

Luk 7:15-16 “And *he that was dead sat up, and began to speak*. And he delivered him to his mother. **AND THERE CAME A FEAR ON ALL: AND THEY GLORIFIED GOD**, saying, *That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people*”

Mat 9:1-8 “They brought to him *a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed*: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; *Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee...* **WHEN THE MULTITUDES SAW IT, THEY MARVELLED, AND GLORIFIED GOD**, which had given such power unto men”



## Christ & the Apostles—the work extended (Luke and Acts).

- The Acts of the Apostles follow the same standard as that of Christ's miracles. Only specific "signs" are recorded among the many incidents referred to in Scripture. But those included in the Inspired Writing of the Bible are deliberate:

John 20:30-31 "And **many other signs** truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: **But these are written**, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name"

- Only events involving "CERTAIN" people recorded, even though "MANY" signs occurred in the presence of the people —Acts 3:2; 5:1; 8:6-9; 9:33, 36; 10:1; 13:6; 14:8; 16:14; 20:9; 21:10.
- Likewise, Paul speaks of many personal perils, yet only certain of them are recorded (2Cor 11:23-28). This rule applies to all of Scripture. There were many judges and kings in Israel, but the facts of certain people and specific events are recorded in detail.

Act 5:12 "By the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people"<sup>48</sup>

## Specific doctrines taught in different periods of Bible History

- *All literal events, because the Kingdom of God is literal—not the phantasmal myths of Christendom: immortal souls, supernatural spirits, Trinitarian God-Jesus, Kingdom beyond the skies...etc.*
- **GENESIS**—Adam head of New Heavens/Earth: seven days (1,000 yrs)
- **EXODUS**—release from bondage; and baptism in Red Sea—the Law
- **JOSHUA**—new covenant in Jesus; entering land by Yah’s Salvation
- **JUDGES**—Yahweh’s provision of a saviour: no King in Israel
- **RUTH**—grafting in of Gentiles into Israel’s Hope
- **DAVID**—kingdom prepared by bloodshed
- **SOLOMON**—kingdom established in peace
- **DANIEL**—Babylon vs. Kingdom of God
- **EZRA**—Silver Kingdom restores “House” destroyed by Babylon
- **NEHEMIAH**—King’s wine-bearer calls men to help rebuild Israel’s Hope
- **ESTHER**—hidden Jew in Gentile Times, Fall of Haman
- **PROPHETS**—Israel’s future revealed by enacted “signs” (Jeremiah/Jonah)
- **GOSPELS**—Kingdom of God expounded in parables

In Acts, the apostles “signs” were a “Witnesses” of Jesus’ RESURRECTION, and the Holy Spirit was to demonstrate doctrine of LIFE THRU GRACE:

Act 1:22 replacing Judas “must one be ordained to be *a witness with us of his resurrection*” (“false witnesses” if Jesus not raised —1Cor 15:15)

Act 3:14-15 “Ye denied the Holy One...and killed THE PRINCE OF LIFE, whom God hath *raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses*”

Act 4:33 And with great power *gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus*: and great grace was upon them all”

Act 5:30-32 “The God of our fathers *raised up Jesus*, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree...And *we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost*, whom God hath given to them that obey him”

Act 10:40-41 “*God raised up the third day*, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but *unto witnesses* chosen before of God, *even to us*”

Act 13:30-31 “But *God raised him from the dead*: And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, *who are his witnesses* unto the people” see: Heb 2:4; Luke 24:46-49

➤ *The miracles were “in his NAME through faith in his NAME...”*

*Acts 3:6, 16; 4:7,10,12, 17, 30*

**Great High Priest—prominence of Jesus’ nature emphasizes his status as a “merciful” high priest. This is in contrast to the Law of Moses**

**Heb 2:14-18 “Forasmuch then as the children are *partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same*; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. *For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted*”**

**Heb 4:14-16 “Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession. *For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.* Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need”**

**Act 4:9** If we this day be examined of *the good deed done* to the impotent man, *by what means* he is made whole;

**Act 4:10** Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that *by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth*, whom ye crucified, **WHOM GOD RAISED FROM THE DEAD, EVEN BY HIM DOT THIS MAN STAND HERE BEFORE YOU WHOLE.**

**Good deed**—this implies divine endorsement. Jesus asked the Jewish leaders, “many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of these do ye stone me?” Their answer: “because that thou, **BEING A MAN**, makest thyself God” (John 10:32-33).

**Act 10:38** “God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: *who went about doing good*, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; **FOR GOD WAS WITH HIM**”

Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead—man of our like nature from this despised region (John 7:41, 52). See: Mat 23:6; 11:8 cp. Mar 1:6. God exalts what men may reject.

By Him this man stands before you whole—proof the “sign” of the **Lame Man** being healed was connected with Jesus’ resurrection.

**Act 4:11** This is the **STONE** which was set at nought *of you builders*, which is become the *head of the corner*.

**Act 4:12** Neither is there *salvation in any other*: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be *saved*.

**Builders—Head of the Corner—**Jewish leaders rejected the primary foundation of the Christ-Temple (Eph 2:19-22; 1Pet 2:6-7; Heb 3:6).

**This is why this miracle takes place at the Temple: center of Israel's worship. It also identifies their actions as a fulfillment of prophecy.**

☐ “The fulfillment of this prophecy requires the return of the Messiah, and his elevation to honour and glory. In the meantime, he is now the chief cornerstone of the spiritual house, made up of men and women in whom the Truth dwells richly (1Cor. 3:16-17; 1Tim. 3:15; 1Pet. 2:5; Heb. 3:6).”—*Expositor, pg 92*

**Stone—**Jesus' quotation of this reference teaches that the people of the “kingdom” would be taken from Jews and given to the Gentiles (Mat 21:42-45). *“chief priests and Pharisees...perceived he spake of them”<sup>53</sup>*

**Act 4:13** Now WHEN THEY SAW THE BOLDNESS of Peter and John, and perceived that *they were unlearned and ignorant men*, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that *\*they had been with Jesus. \*knowledge of Truth*

**Act 4:14** And *beholding the man* which was healed standing with them, *they could say nothing against it.*

**Unlearned and Ignorant men**—as “filled with the Holy Spirit” (v 8) they “spake” with Scriptural knowledge. *God abases the wise (1Cor 1:27).*

**They could say nothing**—Jews sought a “sign” (1Cor 1:22). Thus, a “sign” of Jonah’s resurrection after “three days and three nights” in the belly of the earth was that “sign” (Mat 12:38-41). **See: Luke 21:15.**

**This first open sign among the Jews shattered their standing. 1<sup>st</sup>, their learning was superseded by so-called the unlearned and ignorant (Acts 5:34; 22:3; Phi 3:4-6; Gal 1:14). See: Luke 8:10 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Temple where they lay their trust was superseded by Christ as the “greater temple” and a lame man (Mat 12:1-8). Before them stood a living manifestation of this doctrine (Mat 26:61-62).**

Act 4:15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, *they conferred among themselves,*

Act 4:16 Saying, What shall we do to these men? *for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to ALL THEM THAT DWELL IN JERUSALEM; and we cannot deny it.*

Act 4:17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they *speak henceforth to no man in this name. (proud humbled by lame man & ignorant men)*

**Conferred among themselves—we are forbidden to follow a multitude to do evil or wrest judgment (Exo 23:2). Mark 15:1**

**Notable miracle, we cannot deny it—this was not a matter of Divine Truth, but self-preservation. Many times the Jews had to confess an undeniable miracle had taken place; the very \*SIGN they sought (John 3:2; 11:47; 12:18-19; Mat 12:13-14). \*word “miracle”**

**• *Signs are fruitless if the doctrine it teaches is rejected (Mat 12:39)***

**Speak no more in this name—the apostles gave all due credit to Jesus of Nazareth as ‘the’ means of salvation, whom they rejected.**



**Act 4:18** And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.

**Act 4:19** But *Peter and John* answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God **TO HEARKEN UNTO YOU MORE THAN UNTO GOD**, *judge ye*.

**Act 4:20** For *we cannot but speak* the things which we have seen and heard.

**Act 4:21** So when they had further threatened them, they **LET THEM GO**, finding nothing how they might punish them, *\*because of the people*: for all men glorified God for that which was done. **\*Mat 21:26; Luke 20:6,19; 7:16; 24:19**

**Peter and John—strength of “two witnesses” in the face of difficult circumstances (Dan 3:16-18; Jos 2:1; Luke 10:1; Acts 13:2).**

**Judge ye—apostles rightly put the issue back on them (John 9:27).**

**We cannot but speak—the test of whether one is a servant of Christ or not quite often is manifest by obedience to this principle:**

**Gal 1:10 “For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ”**

**Let them go**—Greek “to be free.” This was done because the Jews could “find nothing” to condemn them. This is the True meaning of being *FREE* in Christ. It is not freedom or liberty to do what the flesh desires, but freedom from condemnation of Sin, which was manifested by the bondage of the Law. “*they were put in hold*” (v 3)

**Rom 6:18-22** “Being then made *free from sin*, YE BECAME THE SERVANTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS... For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things *is death*. But now being made *free from sin*, AND BECOME SERVANTS TO GOD, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life”

**Rom 8:1-2** “*There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, WHO WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death*”

**Gal 5:1** “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith *Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage*”<sup>57</sup>

Act 4:22 For the man was above *forty years old*, on whom *\*this miracle of healing was shewed*.

Act 4:23 And being let go, *they went to their own company*, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. **\*proves the man was a used for this purpose (John 9:3)**

**Above 40 years—40 associated with Moses: *The Law! This is understood to be the longest case of infirmity recorded in Scripture.***

- Moses was “forty years old” when he departed from Egypt (Acts 7:23), spent “forty years” in the wilderness before being sent into Egypt (Acts 7:30; Exo 7:7), then was in the wilderness with the children of Israel “forty years” (Acts 7:36). At the end of 40 years, Joshua led them into the Land of Promise (Acts 7:42; 13:18). The number 40 relates to trial (Deu 25:3), after which comes relief (Gen 7:12; 1Sam 17:16; 1Kin 19:8; Exo 24:18; Luke 4:2).

***This sign-miracle conveyed the advancement of men from the Law unto Grace (Joh 1:17; Rom 5:20; 6:14). See Atonement notes.***

**Their own company—this shows the unity and support of those of like-mind (Acts 1:13-14; 2:44-46; 12:11-12; 16:40).**

Act 4:32 And the multitude of them that believed were of *one heart and of one soul*: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

Act 4:33 And *with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus*: and GREAT GRACE was upon them all. **Holy Spirit power to witness (Acts 1:8 notes)**

Act 4:34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were *\*possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,*

Act 4:35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. ***\*possessors—investment, extra property (Acts 5:1-4)***

**One heart, one soul—diverse members unified by the One Truth (Eph 4:1-7; Rom 12:4; 1Cor 12; 1:10; Phi 1:27; 4:2; 2Cor 13:11; 1The 5:23; 3Joh 1:2). Often pressure unifies (Phi 1:27-30). Nothing unifies like that of personal sacrifice (Phi 4:18-19; 2Cor 8:1-12; 1Cor 16:2; John 15:13).**

Act 4:36 And Joses, *who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas*, (which is, being interpreted, The son of \*consolation,) a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus, Act 4:37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet. \*trans “exhortation” (Acts 13:15)

Joses—RV, Rotherham “Joseph” (Increaser). Wealthy man. Surnamed—a name given to represent one’s character. Mar 3:16-17 “And Simon he surnamed Peter; And James the *son* of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and *he surnamed them Boanerges, which is, The sons of thunder*” (Luke 22:3; Acts 10:5; 12:12) \**by his walk he was a living “exhortation” (Rom 12:8; 1Cor 14:3)* Barnabas—he was entrusted with the relief of the brethren in Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-30); called a prophet and teacher (Acts 13:1; 14:12), and a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith (Acts 11:22-25). He was companion with Paul (1Cor 9:6; Gal 2:9), introducing him to the brethren (Acts 9:27; 13:2; 15:2). Both Barnabas and Paul were appointed to preach to the Gentiles (ch. 13:2), and were born in foreign lands.<sup>60</sup>

**Act 8:12** “When they believed Philip preaching *the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ*, they were baptized, both men and women”

**Act 28:30-31** “Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, *Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ*, with all confidence, no man forbidding him”

- **ALL scripture is about these two doctrines: (1) the kingdom of God, (2) God’s covering of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- A man must be “born” into Christ to enter into the Kingdom (Joh 3:3-6)
  - In his name Jesus preached the Kingdom of God and healing as a demonstration of forgiveness of sins (Mat 9:1-5).
  - The parables concerned the Kingdom of God and the necessary redemption from sin and death (Mark 4:11-12).
  - The memorial fellowship is for the forgiveness of sins to remember Christ until he comes in his kingdom (Mat 26:26-29). see Gal 3:26-29
  - Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1Cor 15:50)
  - Men are converted from sin/darkness into the Kingdom (Col 1:12-14)<sup>61</sup>