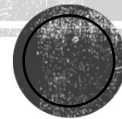


# THE BIRTH OF THE CHURCH

An Introduction to the Book of Acts | 1:1-5



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## AN INTRODUCTION TO ACTS

- Author
- Date
- Provenance
- Recipient(s)
- Literature
- Purpose
  - To communicate and affirm the birth and spread of the church as a community of God rooted in the promises of the past and driven by the power of the resurrected Christ in the present.



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## AN INTRODUCTION TO ACTS

- **Key Themes**
  - God as the driving force behind the church
  - The Holy Spirit
  - The Gospel for all nations
  - The inclusion of the Gentiles
  - Opposition to the Way
  - The church as distinct, but emerging from, Judaism
  
- What Jesus “began” to do (vss. 1-2)
- Presentation and proofs (v. 3)
- The gameplan (vss. 4-5)

### **Acts in Action**

- One Christ, two ministries

