

# The Book of Acts – Study Guide

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## INTRODUCTION and CHAPTER ONE

### Study Questions:

- 1) How many days did the disciples have to actually see, hear, and witness the resurrected Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Where in the Psalms did God refer to the replacement of Judas among the twelve?  
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- 3) What was the approximate number of disciples that Peter spoke to about replacing Judas?  
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- 4) What was the location of Christ's ascension into Heaven as recorded in Acts 1?  
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- 5) What was the "criteria" used for the men from which the apostles ultimately selected Matthias as the replacement for Judas? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 6) How many candidates did the apostles "propose" from which one was selected to replace Judas? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) To whom was the Book of Acts addressed? \_\_\_\_\_

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### Additional Material:

**Completed by:** AD 64

**Author:** Luke, The Physician

**Written from:** Rome

**AUTHOR & DATE:** According to strong tradition Luke, the "beloved physician" who also wrote the Gospel of Luke, authored this book. As is the case with his Gospel, his name is not mentioned in Acts, but that both were written by the same author is shown by comparing **Acts 1:1-2** with **Luke 1:1-4**. Another convincing clue to authorship is provided by the three "we" sections, where the narrative is in the first person plural. Medical terms used also provide additional proof of Luke's authorship (**3:7; 9:18; 12:23; 13:11; 28:8**).

Luke probably wrote around AD 64/66, since the book abruptly concludes with the account of Paul being in prison and his ministry in Rome. Luke devotes much space to the account of Paul's trial and appeal to Caesar. It would have been very unlikely had the book been written later for the author not to have alluded to the outcome of the trial. Luke wrote from Rome while he was with Paul who was under house arrest.