

This is a unique, helpful and enjoyable guide to the book of Acts. Key teaching by Kevin DeYoung is provided in an accessible and compelling way. This will be a wonderful introduction and refresher for those wanting an overview of the book of Acts.

Sam Allberry

Apologist, RZIM; author of *Why Bother With Church?* and *Is God Anti-Gay?*

What communication! As a dyslexic I love pictures and I found the combination of images and texts took the Books of Acts from black and white to colour. In fact I think my mind has now almost photographed some of the pages. I was particularly gripped by the references to other parts of the Bible, which gloriously filled out the story of Acts.

Rico Tice

Co-author of *Christianity Explored*
& Associate Minister at All Souls Church, London

The Word of God is living and active, beautiful and poetic. It should touch the senses. I love what Kevin and Chris have done here. The truth of God's word is beautifully presented in a way that informs the head while stirring the heart.

Matt Chandler

Lead Pastor of The Village Church, Flower Mound, Texas

Someone has said, that the human brain is much more a picture gallery than a debating hall! That being the case this visual depiction of Acts is perfect for us as we remember far more readily what we see than what we hear. Kevin DeYoung and Chris Ranson have produced a wonderfully creative and Biblically faithful visual commentary on Acts, hopefully the first of many.

David Cook

Former Principal and Director of the School of Preaching
at Sydney Missionary and Bible College, Sydney, Australia

An incredibly enlightening and inspiring presentation of one of the most significant eras of human history! I am amazed at how Kevin's trademark theological precision has been put into such an engaging format. I am not sure who will get more out of it—kids, teens or adults! I am excited to use this with my own family.

J.D. Greear

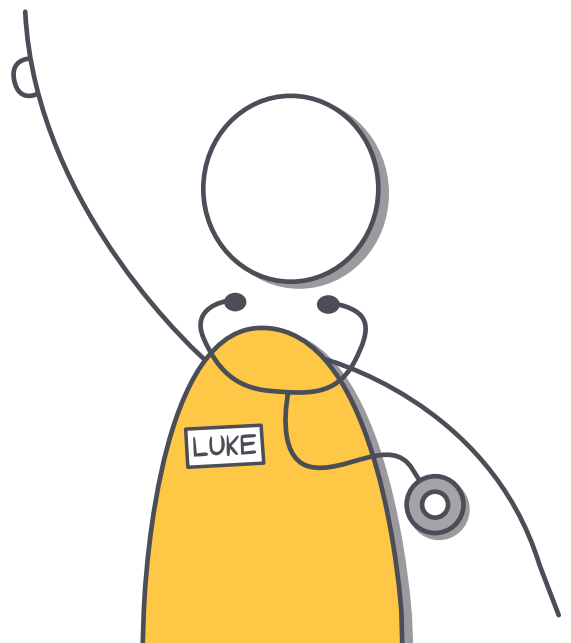
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A VISUAL GUIDE

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This book is a Visual Guide to the Bible book of Acts. As such, the only way to read it is to have Acts open in front of you. You may want to follow the steps outlined below each time you pick it up:

1. Pray. Remember, reading the Bible (even with a Visual Guide) is not like reading any other book. Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you understand and apply what you read (John 14:26; 16:13).
2. Read the relevant passage from Acts first. This is highlighted in yellow at the top of each section in the Visual Guide.
3. Make your way through the guide, ensuring that you understand what is being said in the Bible. Take time to ask yourself the questions that come up in the Visual Guide and prayerfully consider any points of application.
4. If you would like to listen to Kevin DeYoung's sermons on these passages, find the links on our website: **avisualguide.com**



INTRODUCTION

I've never been good at drawing things. I learned how to master the 3D cube and Christmas trees, but that's about it. As an inveterate grade-monger, I was thankful that my high school art class gave good marks for working hard and showing improvement. I barely know how to color.

So it's without exaggeration that I can say I'm amazed at what Chris Ranson can do. You probably don't know of Chris. I just met him a couple of years ago. But what he does is impressive. While working as an engineer and a designer, this native of Scotland was introduced to the world of visual note taking. One Sunday, after years of regular sermon notes, Chris decided to try *drawing* (instead of writing) what the preacher was saying. At first, the sketches were pretty plain, but over time Chris found out he was quite good at this new form of note taking, and he made the mental switch to thinking in pictures. The fruit of Chris' gifts and hard work is what you're holding in your hand.

At the beginning of 2016 I traveled to Scotland to preach a series of messages in Edinburgh. Unbeknownst to me, Chris was there listening. He discovered that my sermons—I suppose, with their orderly Presbyterian structure and clear points and sub-points—worked especially well with his kind of note taking. A few weeks later, I was contacted by Christian Focus with some crazy idea about a Scottish

guy who wanted to listen to two years' worth of my sermons and draw pictures. I didn't know what to expect, but I thought, 'Hey, why not?'

The project has exceeded my expectations. Chris is not only a gifted artist, he's a student of the Bible and a careful listener of preaching. I'm eager to see what the Lord might do with this book—to inspire a fresh way of taking notes, to put sermons in front of people who might otherwise be disinterested, or simply to get people into the book of Acts.

I'm grateful to Christian Focus for using my sermons as a part of this unique project. I pray that God would be glorified and the church edified as Christians (and non-Christians!) work their way through these messages and Chris' notes. In listening to the sermons while using the visual notes, you may just find that even if a picture is worth a thousand words, sometimes you don't have to choose between the two.

Kevin DeYoung

THE CONTINUING MINISTRY OF JESUS

ACTS 1:1-5

WRITTEN BY DR. LUKE
COL 4
AROUND AD 60
HMM... IS IT TRUE?

TRAVELLED WITH PAUL
ACTS 16

THEOPHILUS
ROMAN OFFICIAL
YOUNG CHRISTIAN?

LUK 1:3
ACTS 11

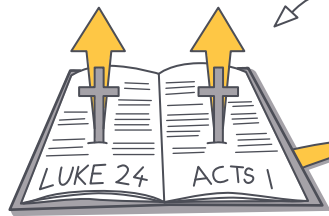
PREVIOUSLY IN... THE GOSPEL!

A LOOK BACK

THE RESURRECTION
1:2-3

JOHN THE BAPTIST
1:5

KINGDOM OF GOD
1:3



THE ASCENSION

POINT: THIS IS A SEQUEL

A LOOK FORWARD

1:5

DO NOT DEPART FROM JERUSALEM

I AM SENDING THE PROMISE OF MY FATHER UPON YOU!

LUK 24:49

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES
JESUS CHRIST

"SPIRIT" $\tau\upsilon\epsilon\upsilon\alpha\gamma\mu\alpha$
x57 TIMES

"THE WORD"
6:7 12:24
19:20

THIS IS WHAT JESUS CONTINUED TO DO!

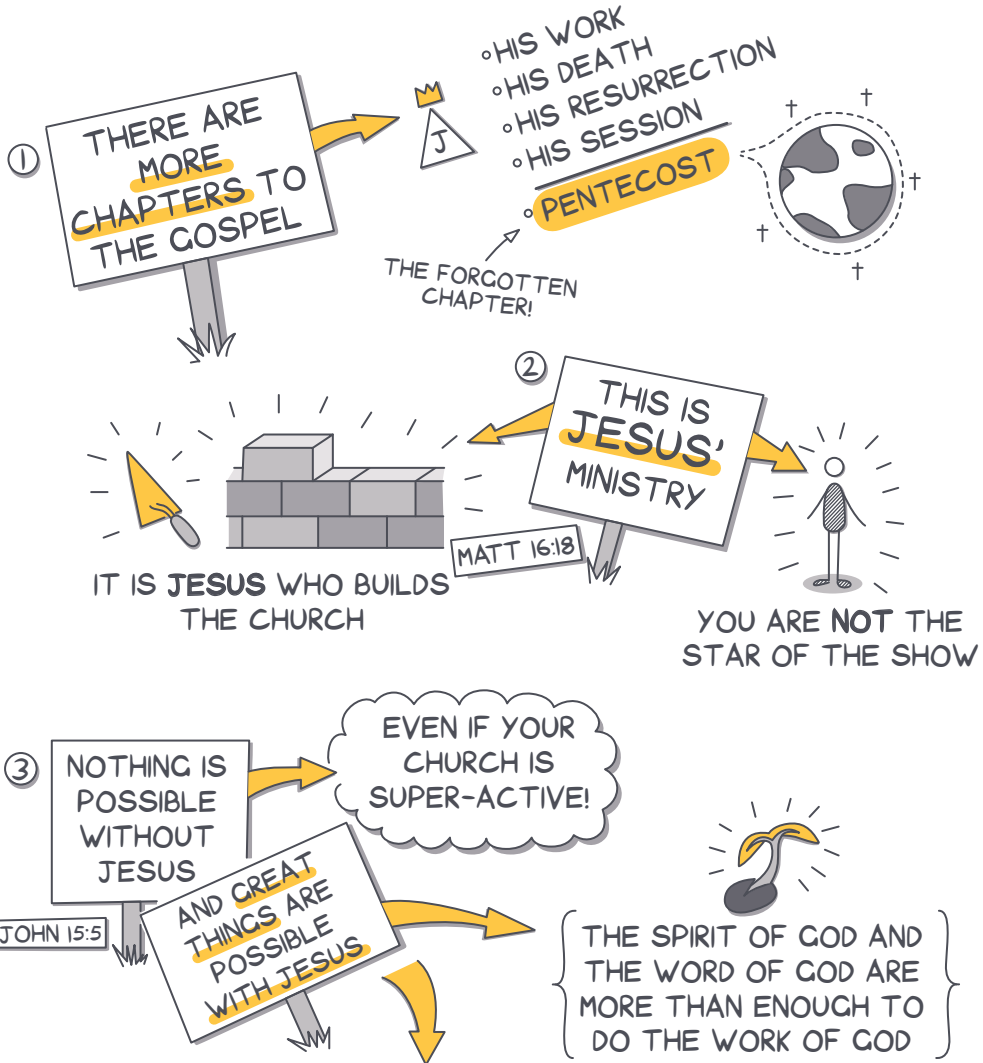
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ACTS

...IS THE STORY OF THE CONTINUING WORK OF JESUS

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?



AS LONG AS JESUS MINISTERS, WE CAN TOO

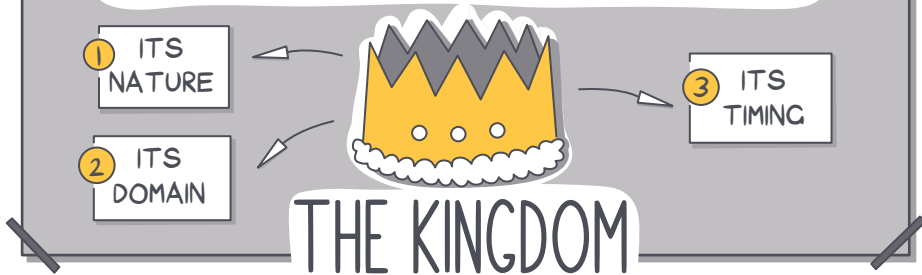


ACTS 1:6-11

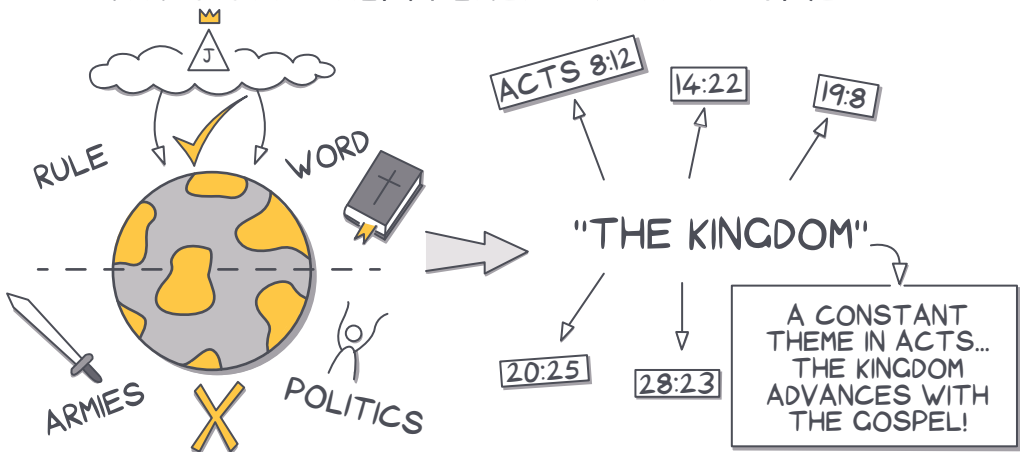
UP
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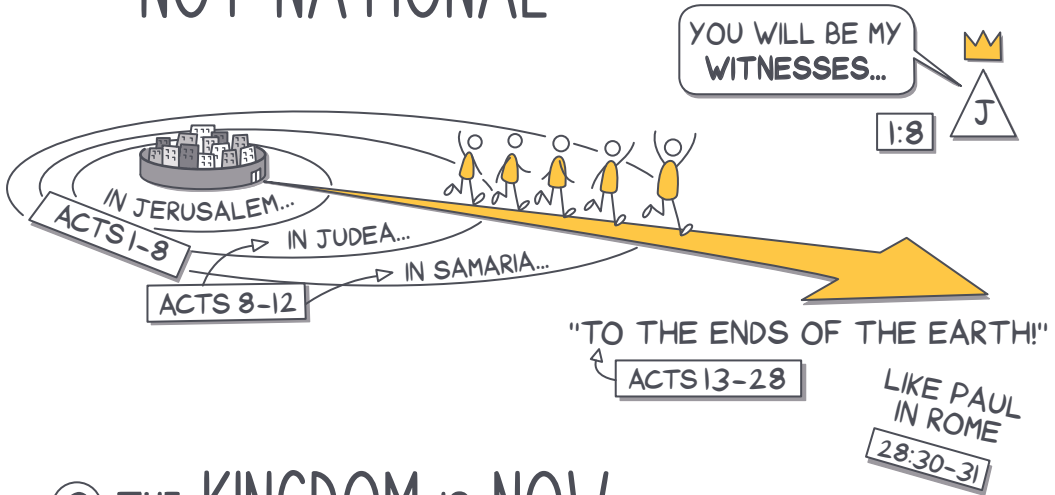
THE DISCIPLES MISUNDERSTAND



① THE KINGDOM IS HEAVENLY AND SPIRITUAL



② THE KINGDOM IS UNIVERSAL... NOT NATIONAL



③ THE KINGDOM IS NOW... AND NOT YET



GETTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER

ACTS 1:12-26



YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES
1:8

WHY BOTHER TELLING US THIS?

1:12-26

GOD'S PLAN IS INDESTRUCTIBLE

THE WICKED WILL BE JUDGED

WAITING (OBEDIENTLY)

LUKE 24:49



120 FOLLOWERS

1:15

ALL PRAYING
ACTS 1:14

NO JUDAS?



PETER

1:16-19



REMEMBER

ACTS 5:5 12:23



1 COR 11:29-32

CONSOLATION PS 73

GOD CAN JUDGE SINNERS TODAY

→ INSTANTLY

GOD (NOT YOU) WILL PUNISH YOUR ENEMIES

