

WE ALL GO THROUGH
THINGS DIFFERENTLY

THE BOOK OF

ACTS

THE STORY CONTINUES

The ACTS of the Apostles

The Promise of the Holy Spirit
In the first book, The-oph'i-lus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and from the beginning until the time he was taken up to heaven, and the instructions through the apostles whom he chose, suffering with him and sharing in his death, and then appearing to them by the Spirit and speaking to them about the things which he had said by the prophets concerning him. He suffered for us so that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify to himself a peculiar people, zealous of good deeds.

from the mount called Ol'i-vet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, Philip and John, and James, and Andrew, Matthew, James son of Alphae, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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ACTS 29
churches planting churches

Week #1
Acts 1:1-11



Acts 1:3

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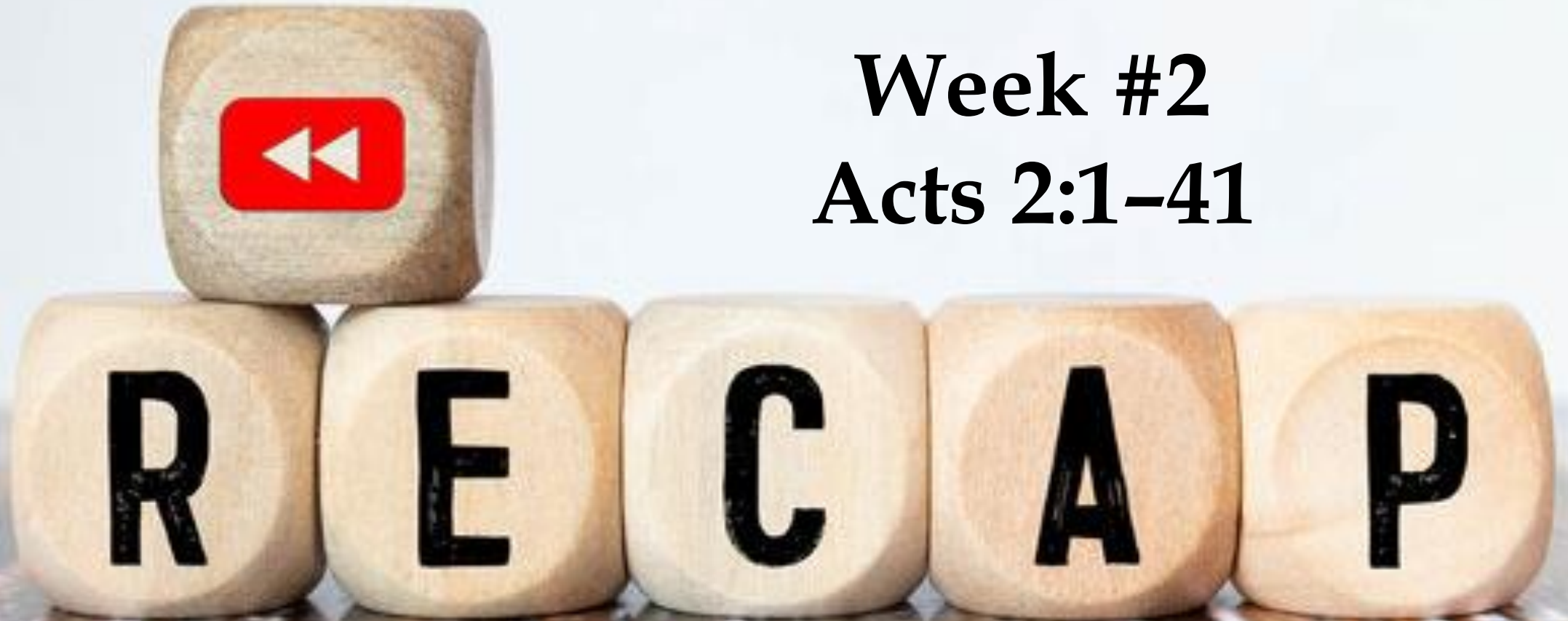
Acts 1:8

⁸ “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:21-22

²¹ “Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John’s baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.”

Week #2
Acts 2:1-41



“With the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost... the curse of Babel begins to unravel. No longer is the gospel confined to Hebrew; it is available directly to all nations and all languages. The restored order of God’s kingdom begins to break into the dark and confused world of sin.”



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Acts 2:42-47

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THE ACTS 2 CHURCH

Acts 2
United Methodist Church

BECOMING AN ACTS 2
CHURCH



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The Church's Devotion – Why these?

1. Prayer
2. The Apostles' Teaching
3. The Fellowship & Breaking of Bread

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Acts 6:3–4

³ “Brothers and sisters, choose seven from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”





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Acts 2:32–33, 36

³² “God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear...³⁶ Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”



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The Apostles' Teaching

Acts 2:37-40

³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

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“If our propensity to worship ourselves is the problem, then it would make sense that when we're saved, we'd be drawn away from ourselves, and on a weekly basis or sometimes more, drawn away from our actual physical homes, and on a more macro scale, away from our past lives as we repent, to be with Jesus and his people. That's exactly what we see here. The doctrine of the church in a strange, kind of indirect way, reveals to us what our greatest problem is, and that is too much of us. So gathering with the church, being drawn away from ourselves, away from too much individualism, too much internalization of lies, and bad theology, and self-worship, and our lives just being all about us – Jesus dies for that.”

“But Jesus also now starts to undo that whole thing practically in our lives through us now being together with other Christians, and of course Him through them.”

“The early church clearly, instinctually, didn't have a ‘just me and Jesus’ mentality or spirituality. The early church instinctually didn't have a, ‘I don't need the church’ way of thinking...That's very American, but it's not ancient or Christian...a great way to think about the Acts 2 church is just being with other Christians.”

All who believed were together | Acts 2:42-47, Dec 9, 2018

No one has been hurt more by the church
than Jesus.



What do your physical practices reveal
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