

Lessons for Preaching the Gospel from Acts

Acts is the captivating account of the spread of the Gospel from Jerusalem to the centre of the empire. What can we learn for preaching the Gospel today from the examples we find in Acts? What are the implications for our preaching and proclamation of the Risen Christ, as well as our apologetics, our defense of the faith, in a hostile cultural environment?

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I. Introduction: Two mistakes

A. Acts Alone - *If it's not in the Acts sermons, it shouldn't be in ours.*

B. Acts Irrelevant - *We speak to Gentiles in a different age, let's move on.*

II. The Gospel to the Jews. *Acts 2.*

Peter at Pentecost.

A. Use of Scripture

B. Gospel events

C. Effect - intended and achieved

III. The Gospel to Jews and God-fearers. *Acts 13.*

Paul at Pisidian Antioch

A. Use of Scripture

B. Gospel events

C. Effect - intended and achieved

IV. The Gospel to Gentiles. *Acts 17*.

Paul in Athens.

A. Use of Scripture

B. Gospel events

C. Effect - intended and achieved

V. Implications for Today

Suggested Readings:

The Word of His Grace: A Guide to Teaching and Preaching from Acts, Chris Green

The Acts of the Apostles, Ben Witherington III

The Book of the Acts, F.F. Bruce

Acts, Darrell Bock