

The Book of Acts:

Most of Acts is written from the standpoint of the 3rd person. The story moves along by “they did “or “he did “. However, a number of verses utilize the first person plural, “we”.

Acts 16:10-18

Acts 20:5-15

Acts 21:1-18

Acts 27:1

Acts 28:16

thus, the “we” alerts us to the fact that the author is an eyeball witness to the “we” sections in the book of Acts.

The purpose of the author in writing the Books of Luke & Acts is to set forth the words & deeds of Jesus in Luke and World conquest by the Gospel in the book of Acts. The introduction to the Gospel of Luke cf:

Luke 1:1-4

states Luke’s purpose. Luke & Acts should be considered one work in two parts. Thus you should read Luke 24 with Acts 1. Several threads tie Luke & Acts together: addressed to Theophilus cf:

Acts 1:1A Former treatise cf:

Luke 1:1-4

Do and teach is the second thread tying the books together.

Acts 1:1B.

Jesus did not practice what He preached. He preached what He practiced. He worked a miracle & taught from it. “Do & teach” cf:

Luke 24:19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people:

Acts 2:22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

Acts 1:2A

Taken up cf:

Luke 24:51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:2B Given commandments cf:

Luke 24: 44 And he said unto them, These [*are*] the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and [*in*] the prophets, and [*in*] the psalms, concerning me. **45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, **46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **48** And ye are witnesses of these things. **49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Mark 16:15-16 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Matt 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20** Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, [*even*] unto the end of the world.

“To whom” whom is an antecedent that refers back to the nearest named noun which is the word “Apostle” in verse 2.

Acts 1:3A “Many infallible proofs” cf:

Luke 24:36-43

Acts 1:3B Kingdom of God cf:

Luke 24:46-47 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: **47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Acts 1:4 Wait for the promise cf:

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Acts 1:5 Apostles to be baptized with the Holy Ghost cf:

Matt 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and [*with*] fire: **12** Whose fan [*is*] in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

cf: John 13, 14, 15, & 16.

Acts 1:6 Jesus had promised the Kingdom was to come during the lifetime of the apostles cf:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Now they want to know if this is the time?

Acts 1:7 Jesus tells them don't worry about the time, stay focused on their job cf:

Jesus had promised that the Kingdom of God would come with Power cf:

Mark 9:1 And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Acts 1:8A & now Jesus says the Power will come when the Holy Ghost comes upon the Apostles, with the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 1:8B The apostles to be eyeball witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth,

Acts 1:21-22 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22

Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection

Acts 2:32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.

Acts 3:13-15 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let [*him*] go. 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; 15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

Acts 5:29-32 Then Peter and the [*other*] apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. 31 Him hath God exalted with his right hand [*to be*] a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and [*so is*] also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him

Acts 10:38-41 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, [*even*] to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead

Acts 22:14-16 And he said, The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

Acts 23:10-11 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should have been pulled in pieces of them, commanded the soldiers to go down, and to take him by force from among them, and to bring [*him*] into the castle. 11 And the night

following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer, Paul: for as thou hast testified of me in Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome

Acts 26:13-18 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? [*it is*] hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; 17 Delivering thee from the people, and [*from*] the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, 18 To open their eyes, [*and*] to turn [*them*] from darkness to light, and [*from*] the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

II Pet 1:12-21 Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know [*them*], and be established in the present truth. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting [*you*] in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off [*this*] my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17 For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 18 And this voice which came from heaven

we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. 19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake [*as they were*] moved by the Holy Ghost.

Acts 1:9 Is a view from earth &

Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [*one*] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. 14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [*is*] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [*that*] which shall not be destroyed.

is a view of the same event in Heaven. False teachers teach Daniel vision is of the second coming, while the verse plainly says The Son of Man was coming to the Ancient of Days (God). When does

Daniel 7:13-14

teach Christ received His Kingdom? At His Ascension to the Father cf:

Acts 2:30-32

Acts 1:10-11 He will come from Heaven again the same way He went cf:

Rev. 1:6-9 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him [*be*] glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they [*also*] which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. 9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.