**Acts Survey Outline**

Acts is one of the most exciting books of the Bible for it is full of action and ideas and conflict. The central concern of the book of Acts is expressed in the promise the Lord Jesus gave to His disciples at the very beginning of the book, “*you shall receive power.”* Acts teaches us plainly that our mission is not only local but global. They were witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea and the outermost part of the earth. However, we need to understand that this witness was not unopposed.

**I. The heartbeat of the book of Acts**

The heartbeat throughout Acts is “power” and “witnesses”, Acts 1:8

**II. The author**

Luke the historian, physician and traveler

**III. Timeframe of the book of Acts**

The book of Acts covers the first thirty years of the history of the church. During these thirty years, the world was turned upside down.

**IV. The Name of the book of Acts**

Acts of the Apostles. Others have supplied more descriptive names than simply, “Acts”. Because of it’s character, it could easily be named, “Acts of Jesus Christ through the church”

**V. Outline**

Birth of the church, ch 1-12

Expansion of the church, ch 13-28

**VI. Features of the book**

Notice the people, groups and philosophies you will meet

**VII. Twelve Marks of the church that turned the world upside down**

1. A transforming church
2. A worshiping church
3. A praying church
4. A persecuted church
5. A relational church
6. An enthusiastic church
7. A missionary church
8. A bold church
9. A gospel preaching church
10. A vigorously taught church
11. An elder led church
12. A Spirit filled church

**Overview of Acts**

**1. Witness in Jerusalem**

**Chapters 1-8**

**Chapter 1** Birth of the Body, Holy Spirit promised, Jesus ascends, Upper Room, Matthias chosen

**Chapter 2** Pentecost, Peter’s sermon, 3000 saved

**Chapter 3** Lame man at the Beautiful gate, Peter preaching,

**Chapter 4** Peter and John Arrested, Peter’s sermon, Name of Jesus forbidden, Sharing all things

**Chapter 5** Lying to the Holy Spirit, set free from prison, apostles on trial, Gamaliel

**Chapter 6** Seven chosen, Stephen accused, testifying

**Chapter 7** Stephen testifying and stoned

**Chapter 8** Saul persecutes, Simon the sorcerer, Ethiopian Eunuch, Phillip transported

1. **Witness in Judea and Samaria,**

**Chapters 9-12:25**

**Chapter 9** Damascus Road conversion, Basket case, Aeneas healed, Dorcas raised

**Chapter 10** Cornelius, Peter’s vision, Holy Spirit falls on gentiles

**Chapter 11** Peter defends grace in Jerusalem, Brnabas and Saul

**Chapter 12** Herod kills James, Peter freed from prison, Rhoda

**3. Witness to the Ends of the Earth**

**Chapters 13-28**

**Chapter 13** Barnabas and Saul appointed,

**Chapter 14** Jews poison minds, Problems in Lystra, Derbe

**Chapter 15** Conflict over Circumcision, Jerusalem council

**Chapter 16** Timothy, Macedonian call, Lydia, Paul and Silas imprisoned, Philippian Jailer

**Chapter 17** Thessalonica, Jason, Berea, Athens

**Chapter 18** Cornith, Antoich, Apollos

**Chapter 19** Riot in Ephesus

**Chapter 20** Greece, Troas, Eutychus, Miletus, Ephesian elders

**Chapter 21** Journey to Jerusalem, Arrested in the temple, Addressing the mob

**Chapter 22** Addressing the mob

**Chapter 23** Address before the council, 40 assassins, Sent to Cesarea to Felix

**Chapter 24** Before Ananias and Tertullus, Defense before Felix, Felix procrastinates

**Chapter 25** Paul appeals to Caesar, Before Agrippa

**Chapter 26** Paul tells of conversion and post conversion, declared “mad’ by Festus.

**Chapter 27** Voyage to Rome, Shipwreck

**Chapter 28** Malta, Rome, Boldness, unhindered