



## **THE BOOK OF THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES**

### ***DESCRIPTIVE SHEET***

#### **Author**

The book of Acts links the Gospels and the Epistles. It is written by Luke. It only takes to read the introduction to see its immediate connection with the Gospel of Luke (Acts 1:1-2).

#### **Date**

It is likely that Luke wrote Acts in the period 60-62. As evidence, the text makes no mention of the destruction of Jerusalem and ends with the imprisonment of Paul.

#### **Core theme**

The message of the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of mankind is the core message of the book of Acts. Some think that the book should be called "Acts of the Holy Spirit" because it shows how the Holy Spirit chose men and filled them with his power to spread the message of Christ to transform lives from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth.

#### **Target audience**

It is obvious that the audience was not Jewish. Luke's purpose in this book was primarily to present to Theophilus historical evidence of the Christian community following the ascension of Jesus Christ and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

#### **Outline of the book**

1. Prologue. (Acts 1:1-8)
2. Be witnesses in Jerusalem. (Acts 1-9-8:3)
3. Be witnesses in Judea and Samaria. (Acts 8:4-12:25)
4. Be witnesses to the ends of the earth. (Acts 13 :1-28 :31)