

# NEW THRU 30 HISTORY

## History: Acts

**Author:** Luke, a physician and missionary companion of Paul.

**When was the book of Acts written, where was it composed and who was it written to?:** Acts was composed between 62-70 AD and like Luke, is addressed to Theophilus, a Gentile convert to Christ.

**Purpose of the book:** The book as a whole is an energetic book, depicting the unstoppable advance of the gospel beginning in Jerusalem, spreading into Judea and Samaria, and eventually arriving in Rome, the heart of the Roman Empire.

### Interesting notes about the book of Acts:

- Acts is the second part of a two-volume work written by Luke.
- The last word of the book in its original Greek is “unhindered.” This word is the theme of the entire book. The gospel, though opposed, cannot be hindered in its advancement.
- Luke was likely an eyewitness to many of the events of his book. He occasionally uses the pronoun, “we,” when describing Paul’s journeys.

### Main Takeaways from the book of Acts:

- The spread of the gospel can be opposed, but it cannot be hindered. The question for us is whether or not we are going to jump on board with the unstoppable force that God has unleashed in the world.
- Two themes are repeated throughout the entire book: the Holy Spirit and the proclamation of the Word of God. The two cannot be separated. The Holy Spirit gives believers the ability to powerfully preach the Word of God so that those far from God are brought into a saving relationship with him.