



17 Nov – 23 Nov

Monday
17 Nov

- Matthew 28:9,10
- Mark 16:9-11
- Luke 24:9-11
- John 20:11-18

- Matthew 28:11-15

- Mark 16:12-13
- Luke 24:13-35

- Mark 16:14;
- Luke 24:36-43;
- John 20:19-25;
- John 20:26-31
- I Corinthians 15:5

- John 21:1-25

- Matthew 28:16-17
- 1 Corinthians 15:6
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Mark 16:15-18;
- Luke 24:46,47;
- 1 Corinthians 15:7
- Luke 24:44-49
- Acts 1:3-8
- Mark 16:19, 20
- Luke 24:50-53
- Acts 1:9-12

Tuesday
18 Nov

- Acts 1:1 to 4:37

Jesus now begins to make appearances to a wide variety of people in different places over 40 days, thus providing the “many infallible proofs” of His resurrection (Acts 1:1-3). Here, He appears to Mary Magdalene and then to several women.

The enemies of the cross learn that the body is gone, and a story is devised that He was “stolen away.” The main story here is His appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaeus and His discussion with them. It is still the same day.

On that evening He shows Himself to the “eleven,” except Thomas.

A week later, with Thomas present, Jesus appears to them again.

Again He appears to some of the apostles, this time at the Sea of Tiberias (Galilee).

An appointed appearance takes place on a mountain in Galilee.

Now the Lord Jesus Christ gives the Great Commission to the apostles.

Here He appears to James and all the apostles.

These verses tell of His ascension to receive a kingdom (Daniel 7:13,14) while “they stood gazing.”

A few of these verses in Acts 1 were read earlier, but there is such a major transition here that it is a good idea to read them again. Note the plan for evangelizing the world in verse 8. Chapter 2 is the record of the establishment of the church of Christ in the year AD 30. It is one of the most significant events in all of history, as predicted repeatedly by the prophets (Isaiah 2:2-4; Daniel 2; Joel 2; Psalm 2). Be

sure to note how people responded to the gospel in the rest of Acts. Using the same method often used by Jesus, Peter and John heal a man and use the opportunity to preach the gospel in chapter 3. As a result of the events in chapter 3, the first of many persecutions occurs—but faith and boldness in Christ does not discourage them in the least. Note also that we are introduced to Barnabas in chapter 4.

Wednesday
19 Nov

☐ Acts 5:1 to 8:40

Today's reading tells of the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira, more persecution against the apostles, the choosing of seven faithful men to do benevolent work, the sermon and murder of Stephen, the first general persecution against the church (led by a man named Saul), and more conversions in chapter 8. The lessons to be learned are numerous. Be sure to look for them as you read.

Thursday
20 Nov

☐ Acts 9:1-25;

The same Saul who worked so hard to persecute the disciples now yields his life to Christ (his conversion is also discussed in two of his own lessons in chapters 22 and 26).

☐ Galatians 1:17-19

Paul mentions an early trip to Jerusalem.

☐ Acts 9: to 11:30

The major character is Peter again, as he heals Aeneas, raises Dorcas, and preaches to the first Gentiles—Cornelius and his audience. Note the first use of the word “Christian” in 11:26.

Friday
21 Nov

☐ Acts 12:1 to 13:52

In this reading, Luke shifts his emphasis from the work of Peter to that of Paul, following the outline given by Jesus in Acts 1:8 to show how the gospel went from Jerusalem to Rome. Chapter 12 is another story of victory over persecution, while chapter 13 tells of the beginning of Paul's first evangelistic journey.

☐ James 1:1-27

At about this time, we believe that the book of James was written, by one of the half-brothers of Jesus. This chapter stresses trials, temptations, the power of the word, and that we must work in order to be faithful.

Saturday
22 Nov

☐ James 2:1 to 5:20

James 2:1-13 teaches us about respect of persons; 2:14-26 is about the relation between faith and works; 3:1-12 is instruction about the tongue; 3:13-18 is a lesson on wisdom; 4:1-12 calls upon us to treat one another properly; 4:13-17 reminds us to do that which we know to be good; 5:1-6 is a warning about riches; 5:7-12 is about patience; and 5:13-20 has several

lessons about prayer.

Sunday
23 Nov

☐ Acts 14:1 to 15:12

Now we read of the end of the first evangelistic journey and the first part of a conference in Jerusalem dealing with Judaizing teachers (Christians who taught that parts of the law of Moses are still binding).

☐ Galatians 2:7-10;

Here is a brief reference made by Paul about this conference.

☐ Acts 15:13-35

This section records the conclusions of the conference — which were not based on the wisdom of men, or popular vote, but revelation from the Holy Spirit.

☐ Galatians 2:11-14

Here is an incident where hypocrisy reigned—until Paul showed enough love to rebuke!

☐ Acts 15:36-41

Paul desires to begin a second evangelistic journey, but a disagreement leads to two efforts. All the signs are that both were approved and effective.