



Pentecost Series Reading Plans Spring 2020

Reading through the book of Acts on your own will greatly increase your experience with the Scripture and the Holy Spirit during this series. Below are three Reading Plans for the series, all of varying lengths. There's one for everyone! In addition, there's a suggested format for journaling while you read. If you don't already, journaling is a powerful way to express our prayers and chronicle what you believe God is saying to you through His Word and prayer.

Option #1 - Read through Acts in conjunction with the series

April 19-25	Acts 1	Intro to Acts and Jesus' Final Instructions
April 26-May 2	Acts 2:1-13	Pentecost and Baptism of the Holy Spirit
May 3-9	Acts 2:14-47	Empowerment to Witness: Peter's First Sermon
May 10-16	Acts 3-5	Healing and the Miraculous
May 17-23	Acts 6-7	Stoning of Stephen, Overcoming Persecution
May 24-30	Acts 8	Philip and the Ethiopian
May 31-June 6	Acts 9	Conversion of Paul
June 7-13	Acts 10-13	Peter's Vision – The Holy Spirit shows no favoritism
June 14-20	Acts 14-16	Council of Jerusalem
June 21-27	Acts 17-19	Paul explains the Holy Spirit, Speaking in Tongues
June 28-July 4	Acts 20-22	Holy Spirit tells Paul what is to come
July 5-11	Acts 23-28	Paul travels to Rome, Shipwreck

Option #2 – Read one chapter a day of Acts, Reading through the book 2-3 times

Read one chapter of the book of Acts each day, throughout the series. Reading the book multiple times in a row will create new insights for you! Depending on whether you read every day or not, you can read through the book of Acts 2-3 times over the course of the series.

Option #3 – Read through Acts and companion New Testament Letters

Several letters of the New Testament occur within the timeline of Acts. It's incredible to read the situation the disciples experience in a particular town or city, and then read the letter they wrote to the people there in the following years. Below is a reading plan that lists the book of Acts and the various New Testament letters that fall within Acts' timeline, in chronological order. This list follows one of the commonly accepted hypotheses that the book of Acts was written around 63AD (before the fall of Jerusalem in 70AD) and that Paul wrote many of his letters from prison in Rome.¹

¹ This list was adapted from Blue Letter Bible. Note there are other hypotheses with different dates and origin locations for some of the New Testament letters.

Book of Acts and Companion New Testament Letters Reading Plan

Week to Read	Events	Scripture	Year
April 19-25	Jesus' Final Instructions	Acts 1	30
	Descent of the Holy Spirit	Acts 2:1-13	30
	Setting Up of the Church	Acts 2:14-3:26	30
	First Persecutions	Acts 4-7	35
	Philip at Samaria	Acts 8	35
	Conversion of Saul	Acts 9	36
April 26-May 2	First Gentile Converted	Acts 10	40
	Founding of Church at Antioch	Acts 11	43
	James Killed by Herod	Acts 12	45
	Paul's Call	Acts 13:1-3	47
	His First Missionary Journey Begun	Acts 13:4-14:28	48
	Council at Jerusalem	Acts 15:1-35	50
	Second Missionary Journey Begun	Acts 15:36-18:22	51
May 3-9	Writing of I Thessalonians	I Thessalonians	52
May 10-16	Writing of II Thessalonians	II Thessalonians	53
	Third Missionary Journey Begun	Acts 18:23-21:26	54
May 17-23	Writing of I Corinthians	I Corinthians	57
May 24-30	Writing of Galatians	Galatians	57
May 31-June 6	Writing of II Corinthians	II Corinthians	58
June 7-13	Writing of Romans	Romans	58
June 14-20	Paul's Arrest at Jerusalem	Acts 21:27-23:22	58
	Paul at Caesarea	Acts 23:23-26:32	59
	Paul Trip to Rome	Acts 27:1-28:10	60
	Paul Reaches Rome	Acts 28:11-16	61
	Paul's Imprisonment at Rome	Acts 28:16-31	62
June 21-27	Paul Writes Ephesians	Ephesians	62
	Paul Writes Philippians	Philippians	62
June 28-July 4	Paul Writes Colossians	Colossians	62
	Paul Writes Philemon	Philemon	62
July 5-11	James ² Writes his Epistle	James	62
	I Peter Written	I Peter	63

² Different James than the James killed by Herod in Acts 12

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A Simple Plan for Engaging with the Bible through Journaling

SCRIPTURE

Open your Bible (a daily reading plan works great). Take time to read and allow God to speak to you. When you're done, look for a verse that spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal. Focus on one main thought from your daily reading.

OBSERVATION

What do you think God is saying to you in this Scripture? Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal Jesus to you through the Scripture. Make an observation of what's happening, who's affected, and what's taking place. Paraphrase and write this Scripture down in your own words.

APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read, by asking yourself, "how will I be different today because of what I've just read?" Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

PRAYER

This can be as simple as asking God to help you use this Scripture, or it may be a greater insight on what He may be revealing to you. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation, so be sure to listen to what God has to say! Now, write it out.