

- I. The Preface: The Historical Christ (1:1-2)
 - A. The Author: Luke the Physician (Luke 1:1-4; Col 4:14)

 - B. The Audience: Theophilus (Luke 1:3)

 - C. The Purpose and Title

- II. The Instruction: The Resurrected Christ (1:3)
 - A. Jesus Christ Proved Himself Alive (Luke 24:36-48; 1 Cor 15:3-8, 14)

 - B. The Kingdom of God (Luke 4:43; Acts 28:23, 30-31)

- III. The Command: The Power of Christ
 - A. Wait for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit (1:4-5, 8; Luke 3:16; 24:49; John 16:7; Acts 2)

“The Kingdom of God is his rule set up in the lives of his people by his Spirit. It is spread by witnesses, not by soldiers, through a gospel of peace, not a declaration of war, and by the work of the Spirit, not by force of arms, political intrigue, or revolutionary violence.” —John Stott

Reflection and Application Questions (for personal reflection and family conversation):

1. What is the book of Acts primarily about? What was Luke’s purpose in writing?
2. Why is the message of Acts relevant today? What are you most looking forward to in studying this book?
3. What did Jesus focus on during the 40 days between his resurrection and ascension? Why?