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The Book of Acts



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Session 1 Review

Act I - “Jesus as King”

Jesus is King now ruling Heaven and Earth from His throne and He empowers us to know how Kingdom living actually works in the poorest and most powerful places on Earth as it is in the Heavens where He reigns.

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Act II — “Peter and God’s People”

Session 2 - Book of Acts Teaching Sources

Dallas

“Acts” #1 20:00 - 35:40

Talk Notes in the Study Guide - p. 13-15

“Acts” #2 18:30-30:30

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NT “Acts” Talk #2 (videos 7-13)

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I. God's Covenant Promise — Father Abraham & Hebrew People

Abraham's descendants - not a nation.

Exodus - they became a people.

Jeremiah - "I'm just a kid."

Judges - No human organization.

God's interaction with those He called.

Samuel - 'Give us a king'.

"They have not rejected you, they have rejected me'."

Daniel - *"The stone cut without hands."* (Daniel 2:34)

Exile - Jews' government is crushed.

Malachi - Restore the family.

"God desires and is establishing a world of His Kingdom that does not run from human power. That's what we are learning especially when we get to the book of Acts."

Dallas, "Acts" Talk #2, 24:00



I. God's Covenant Promise — Father Abraham & Hebrew People (continued)

Isaiah 6 - “The Temple filled with the glory of God” -
“Holy, holy, holy...the whole Earth is full of His glory.”

Tabernacle - God's glory fills it. Numbers 14:21

Joshua & Caleb - “The Lord is with us. We can do it.”

Isaiah 40 & 60 - “All flesh seeing the glory of God.”

Ps. 72 - Davidic kingdom fulfilled in the risen Messiah.”

“This is what Acts is all about. Acts is the theology of Jesus and the church as the true Temple.”

NT “Acts” #1 Video 4

“Israel, chosen from the world...chosen for the world.”

NT, *Paul, A Biography*, p. 18

II. Power from Heaven in the Name of Jesus

Pentecost — Acts 2:1-41

“One of the interesting things you see in the book of Acts is learning to act in the name of Jesus...a way of bringing the immediate presence of God and His kingdom into human life. He had told them to do that. They had to learn how to do that because He was no longer here but they had His name to work with.” Dallas, “Acts” 2 18:30-20:40

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“Christ in you the hope of glory”. “The ecclesiology of Colossians & Ephesians includes when the church goes out into the world bearing Christ in the power of the Spirit, this is a sign to the world of the filling with the glory of God which Isaiah and Habakuk spoke of. The life, witness and mission of the church is the sign already of how that happens that wherever the people of God are there is already Christ in you the hope of glory. That’s what Acts is about.” NT “Acts”1 - Video 6, 3:30

III. Kingdom Ambassadors in Jerusalem *Acts 1:12-12:25*

Jesus vs. Herod: Herod dies, Jesus lives.

Peter, John, Acts 2 Church, Stephen

“The early church are using Psalm 2 - the true Jews over against the nations of the world...an astonishing claim that those praising in the name of Jesus. In them, this little group of believers, is there, only there, the people of God to be found. The result is the new political positioning of the people of God. The fulfillment of Israel, hence, they must obey God rather than human beings. If Jesus is Lord, we must obey God rather than human beings.” *Acts 4:19, 5:29*

NT “Acts” #2 Video 10



IV. The Name of Jesus — Kingdom Power in the Public Square

*“Good news about the Kingdom of God
and the name of Jesus Christ.” Acts 8:12*

“Phillip in Samaria — Power of God over pagan magic.
*Isaiah 54 - Covenant renewal. Isaiah 55 - Invitation to a new
Creation, ‘Come everyone who thirsts.’ Isaiah 56 - ‘Foreigners
and eunuchs will be full members of the family of God’.*

Jesus died and was raised. The new covenant is
happening. The new creation is happening.”

NT, “Acts” 2 video 12

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“That is our message today if we’ve got one. Our problem
today is we are not preaching the message that Philip
and Paul did. They did not preach a kingdom without
Jesus and they did not do Jesus without a Kingdom.”

Dallas, “Acts” 2 26:30



V. The Road to Damascus *Acts 9*

“Paul was the embodiment of what God had done to Israel (Galatians 2:15-21). He has taken His people Israel zealous for Torah and thru the Torah and the death and resurrection of the Messiah He has turned His people inside out to be at last what they were always intended to be the people of God for the world...the bearers of God’s promise for the world. Saul has been absolutely right and absolutely wrong of the God of Israel. Saul saw Jesus with his own eyes. The deeply personal meaning of the cosmic meeting of Jesus.”

NT, Acts #2, Video 12 end & Video 13



The Road to Damascus (continued) *Acts 9, 22, 26*

“Paul had been a loyal Jew from the start. He was acting as a loyal Jew at the time when he met Jesus on the road; his mission in the wider world had been on behalf of Israel’s God, who was now claiming the whole world as His own; and he was simply doing his best to tell the world what Moses and the prophets had been saying all along.

Paul had always been, and still remained, a loyal Jew. That was the whole point.”

“What happened on the road to Damascus?”
p. 41-59, 277, 366



p. 366



VI. Peter — Cornelius & Prison —> Kingdom Unity

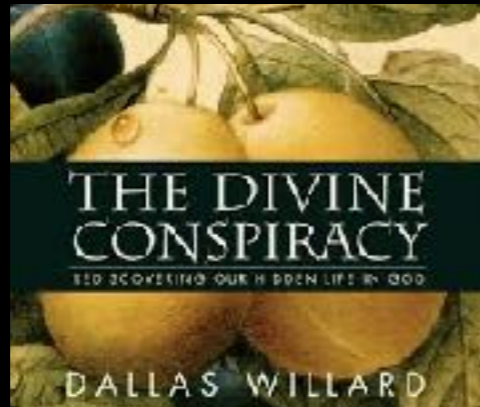
Acts 10:1-11:18, 12:1-23

“Christ came to break God’s kingdom out of cultural captivity. The big issue in the book of Acts is whether one can be a Christian and not a Jew.”¹

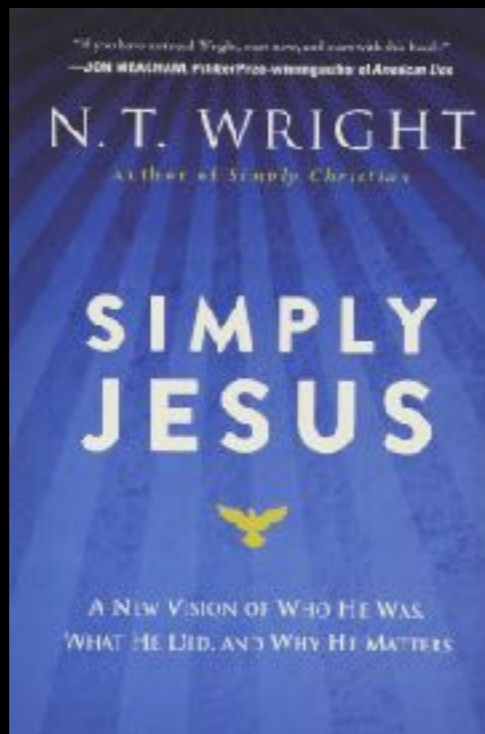
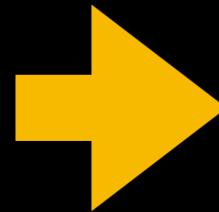
“The Kingdom shall be taken away from you and given to a people producing the fruit of it.” Matthew 21:43

“That’s what happened in the book of Acts...how Matt. 21:43 was carried out. The Kingdom of God was not in the Jews’ peculiar possession to make it available to the world.”² “To enter - born from above” *John 3:1-16*

Dallas, [“The Divine Conspiracy” #3](#) 1 - 44:00 2 - 1:07:00



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Q&C

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Q&A

Meditation — *Acts 1:8; 2:14-47; Isaiah 49:6*

Application

V — How does God's organization differ from our churches and governments?

I — How do my desire and intention stand in light of Stephen? (Acts 7:55)

M — Where will I serve this week “outside” of my circle of familiarity?





Session 2 Summary

From the time of Creation, God desired to be with His children. Israel's one God promised Abraham he would be a father of many nations and through his heirs, a light to the Gentiles. The covenant is fulfilled through the perfect Jew, the hope of Israel — Jesus. In the book of Acts, by the power of the name of Jesus through His Kingdom, a holy, united church bore witness of the Kingdom to all nations. The mission continues in us today, should we be found obedient.

Next Week — Session 3 of 4

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Act III — “Paul & The Gentiles

Acts 11:19-29; 13:1-20:38

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“Acts” Talk #2 Start - 18:30 and 30:30-50:00

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NT “Acts” Talk #3 (videos 14-21)

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