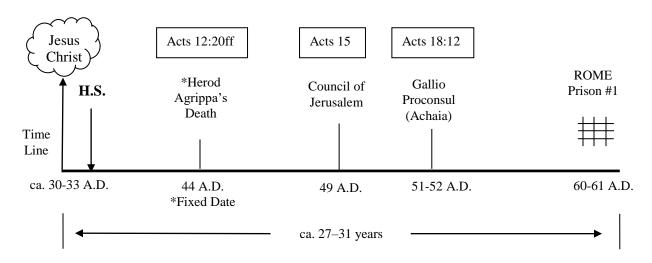
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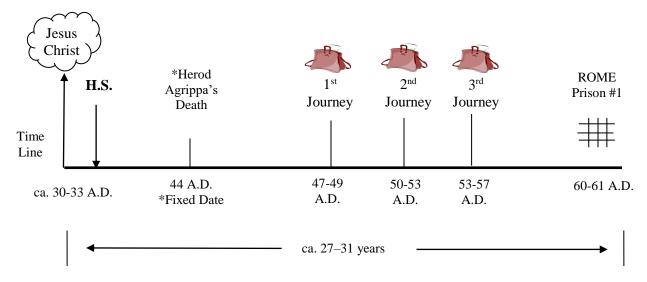
5 KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BOOK OF ACTS

1. **ACTS** is the ______ sequel to the Gospels: as such, it provides the background for other New Testament Books.

Historical Dates



Paul's Journeys in the Chronology in Acts



2. If no Book of **ACTS**, then no historical continuity to the New Testament.



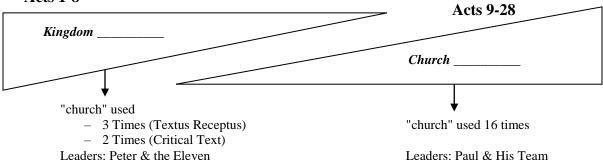
Gospels

Romans, etc

- Subject Matter: Jesus Christ
- Christ's Teaching on the _____
- Emphasis: His life, death, resurrection

- Subject Matter: Paul & His Teaching
- Christ's Teaching on the ___
- Emphasis: significance of the Gospel & the Church
- 3. **ACTS** clearly demonstrates the transition between the kingdom message (emphasis of the Gospels) & the church message (emphasis of the Pauline Epistles).
 - From temple/synagogue (Hebrew, qahal/assembly) to the church
 - From a political-kingdom-concern to a church-body life-concern

Acts 1-8



4. **ACTS** is ______, not prescriptive.

It tells what they did, not necessarily what we are to do.

Two illustrations:

- 1) Acts 4, last part communal living
- 2) Giving of the Holy Spirit
- 5. **ACTS** records the first 30 years of church life: it is transitional in nature, whereas most of the N.T. is ______ in nature.

Contrast Romans, Galatians, etc.