The Acts of the Apostles (Outline)
(Acts 1:1-8) 11-01-26

I. Introduction to the Book of Acts of the Apostles (1:1-2)

"The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles" (Dr. John McArthur)

A. The Author (& Date)

1. **The Early Church Fathers attest to Luke's authorship**
2. **The accepted date of it and Luke's Gospel - (A.D. 60-62)**

B. It's Original Recipient

1. **Both books addressed to Theophilus,** "most excellent"-Luke 1:3

C. Its Primary Purposes-

1. **"Acts is a bridge between the Gospels and the Epistles".**
2. **Acts introduces a number of key transitions in Christianity**

II. Affirmation of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1:3)

A. Luke's Detailed Accounts of the Risen Savior

1. **Luke 24- the women at the tomb, the 2 disciples on the Road to Emmaus, the Apostle Peter, the other disciples.**
2. **His appearances in Acts (1:3) to the apostles (for 40 days)**

B. The Apostle Paul's Recollection of the Resurrection

1. **(I Cor. 15:4-8)**
2. **The scripture records at least 10 separate appearances from Jesus' resurrection until His ascension back to Heaven. (Mark 16:9; Matt. 28:9-10; Luke 24:13-32, 34, ,36-43; John 20:26-31; 21:1-25; I Cor. 15:6,7, 8 (Paul); Acts 1:3-11- Christ's ascension**

III. Assignments to His Apostles (1:4-8)

A. Concerning the Coming of the Holy Spirit (1:4-5)

1. **They would wait in Jerusalem**
2. **They would wait upon the promised Holy Spirt**

B. Concerning the Coming of the Kingdom of God (1:6-7)

C. Concerning the Great Commission (1: 8)

1. **The Lord announces His preimminent command**
2. **God supplies the means to empower them**