


# NT SURVEY

An aerial photograph of a valley. In the foreground on the right, a large, craggy rock formation (likely a cliff face) is visible. The valley below is filled with green fields, a winding road, and a river. In the distance, there are mountains under a blue sky with light clouds.

By Ray Mondragon



An aerial photograph of a vast landscape. In the foreground, a large, deep blue lake curves through a valley. The surrounding land is a mix of green fields, brownish-yellow agricultural land, and some small settlements. In the distance, a range of low mountains or hills stretches across the horizon under a clear, light blue sky. The overall scene is bright and expansive.

# NT Survey - Acts

**“We can hardly over  
estimate the importance of the  
Acts of the apostles”**

**Rackham**

**“The beginning of the  
Christian church” ... “Acts is  
the church's standard  
textbook on the 1st 3 decades  
of its history and its ageless  
global task of evangelization”**

**Jensen**

# IMPORTANCE

- **History - church**
- **Theology - transition**
- **Practical - missions**
- **Geography - progress**
- **Proportion - 27.2%**

# ACTS

➤ **Author -**

**Dr Luke**

# **AUTHORSHIP**

➤ **External Evidence**

# **EXTERNAL EVIDENCE**

- ✓ **Back to early 2nd C**
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> C. Greek - Irenaeus, Clement of Alexandria**
- ✓ **Muratorian Fragment - 170-200AD**
- ✓ **Later Greek - Origen, Eusebius**
- ✓ **Latin Fathers - Tertullian, Jerome**



# **AUTHORSHIP**

- **External Evidence**
- **Internal Evidence**

# **INTERNAL EVIDENCE**

- 1. “We sections - 16:10-17,  
20:5-21:18, 27:1-28:16**
- 2. Vocabulary & style very distinct &  
similar to Luke**
- 3. Addressed to Theophilus**
- 4. Connection with end of Luke**

# **LUKE the MAN**

- 1. References - only 3x**
- 2. Background - Gentile, Dr.**
- 3. Conversion -**
- 4. Ministry - with Paul**

# **LUKE'S MINISTRY**

- 1. Evangelist and church founder**
- 2. On Paul's 2nd & 3rd Journeys**
- 3. With Paul after Journeys**
- 4. Could be in 2Cor 8:22**
- 5. Paul's last imprisonment - 2Ti 4:11**
- 6. Church Historian & apologist**

Between 1898-1946



# LUKE the MAN

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4. **Ministry - with Paul**
5. **Death - tradition**

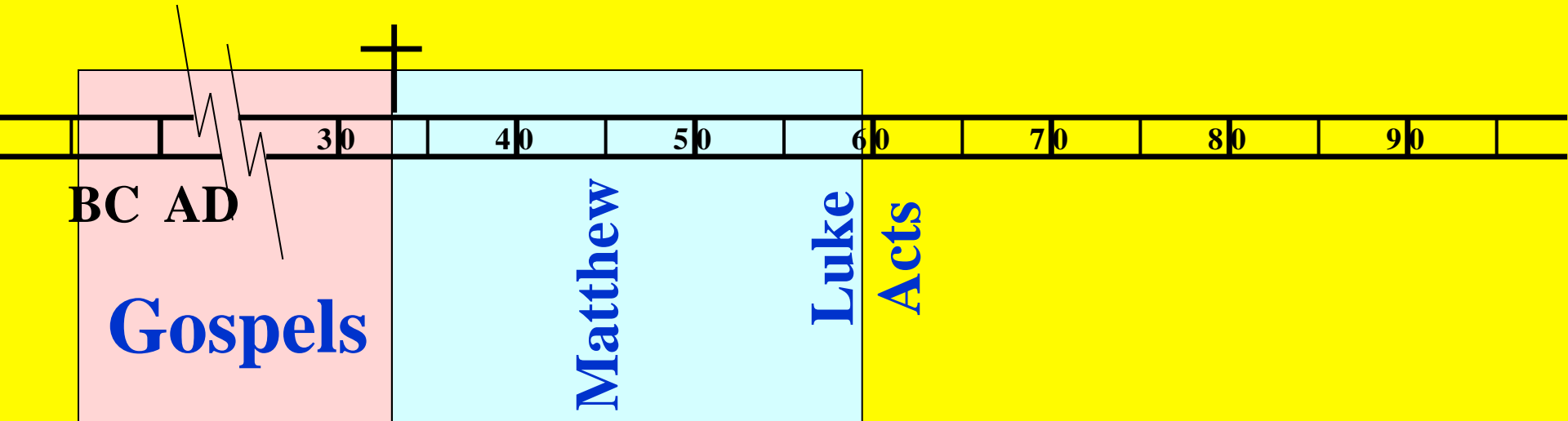
# ACTS

- **Author - Dr Luke**
- **Date - 61-62**

# DATE

- **After Paul's imprisonment - 59**
- **Before major events -**
  - Burning of Rome - 64**
  - Persecution of Nero - 64**
  - Martyrdom of Paul - 68**
  - Destruction of Jerusalem - 70**
- **61-62AD**

# NT HISTORY





# ACTS

- **Author - Dr Luke**
- **Date - 61-62**
- **Audience - Theophilus**

# THEOPHILUS

- Θεοφιλε = friend of God
- Generic term?
- Respected Official

# ACTS

- **Author - Dr Luke**
- **Date - 61-62**
- **Audience - Theophilus**
- **Location - Rome**
- **Purpose - Historical**

# **PRIMARY PURPOSE**

**1. Historical**

**2. Doctrinal Danger**

**a. Select leaders by lot - 1:21-26**

**b. Community property - 2:43-47**

**c. Church discipline - 5:1-6**

**d. Evangelism 1st in synagogue -  
13:5, 14, 14:1, 17:1-2**

**e. Infant baptism - 16:15, 33**



# PURPOSES

- 1. Establishment of Church**
- 2. Explains Transitions**
- 3. Expansion of Christianity**
- 4. Emphasis on Sovereignty**
- 5. Other**

# CHARACTERISTICS

## **1. Witness of Believers**

# TERMS

- μαρτυρεω - 12 of 79x
- μαρτυς - 13 of 34x
- Others - 5x

# CHARACTERISTICS

- 1. Witness of Believers**
- 2. Ministry of HS**
- 3. Church Founding**

# PROGRESS REPORTS

- 1. Lord adding - 2:47**
- 2. Word spread - 6:7**
- 3. Church had peace - 9:31**
- 4. Word continued to grow - 12:24**
- 5. Word spread - 13:49**
- 6. After 1st journey - 14:27**
- 7. Church strengthened - 16:5**
- 8. Word growing - 19:20**
- 9. Paul's ministry - 28:30-31**