

Acts Series

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The Acts of the Apostles

“To the end of the earth”

Acts 1:8



**Acts 1:1, “The first account I composed,
Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and
teach,**

**Acts 1:2, “until the day when He was taken up to
heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given
orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.”**

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ΤΕΚΜΗΡΙΟΝ, *tekmerion*; that which causes something to be known in a convincing and decisive manner, evidential proof that is self sufficient, a logical proof, proof, demonstrable evidence

Apologetics

1. Apologetics is simply explaining why we believe what we believe.

2. The key verse for apologetics is:

1 Peter 3:15, “but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;”

ἀπολογία, *apologia*; a term used in the courtroom for making a logical case in defense of

Phil. 1:7, “just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.”

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3. Apologetics involves a couple of different aspects, one of these is known as *Christian Evidences*.

a. The reliability of the Bible

Archaeology, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the thousands of New Testament mss, history

b. Miracles

c. Fulfilled prophecy

d. Evidences for Jesus' Deity

e. Evidences for the resurrection

First and Second Appearance

There was an earthquake which rolled back the stone: on the way they had been preoccupied with the question of how they would roll the stone back. The stone weighed close to a ton.

An angel appeared.

The guards were struck like a dead man by the appearance of the angel.

The angel addressed the women telling them not to be afraid, because Jesus had risen from the dead.

Mary Magdalene ran in, saw the body was gone, and took off to tell Peter and John.

First and Second Appearance

Then the angel, along with another who had now appeared, invited them to see the place where Jesus body had been.

The angel then ordered them to go tell the disciples

Then Jesus appeared to them [the two women] (Matt. 28:9–10)

He told them to tell the disciples to meet him in Galilee.

Peter and John run to the tomb, discover it empty, and go home.

Mary Magdalene returns after they had gone, and saw someone near the tomb, not recognizing this one as the LJC, until He revealed Himself to her. (Mark 16:9–11; John 20:11–18)

First and Second Appearance

The other women and Mary Magdalene tell the other disciples who don't believe them.

The guards left to report to the Sanhedrin and their guards.

The Sanhedrin bribed the guards to say the disciples stole the body.

The Sanhedrin sent out messengers to try to get ahead of the story with their lies.

Third and Fourth Appearance

**Jesus appeared to two on the road to Emmaus (Mark 16:12–13;
Luke 24:13–32)**

**He appeared to Peter – referred to but not described
(Luke 24:34; 1 Cor. 15:5)**

Fifth Appearance

(Mark 16:14; Luke 24:26–43; John 20:19–25)

Jesus appeared to the eleven while hearing the report from the two of Emmaus (Thomas absent).

Sixth Appearance (John 20:26–31; 1 Cor. 15:5)

Eight days later he appears to the twelve, with Thomas present.

Seventh Appearance (John 21:1–25)

Appearance at Tiberius (Peter, Thomas Didymus, Nathanael, James and John, and two others).

Eighth Appearance

(Mark 16:15–18; Matt. 28:16–17; 1 Cor. 15:6)

Appeared to 500 at a mountain in Galilee.

Ninth Appearance (1 Cor. 15:7)

James

Tenth Appearance (Luke 24:44–49)

Other disciples and taught about the Kingdom of God.

Eleventh Appearance (Acts 1:3–8)

Parting commands and departure.