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Acts – Part 2

Jesus Christ, the Living Lord

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Acts in History

Years	Events
AD 30-35	Pentecost and the formation of the early church
AD 35-47	The church expanded into Judea and Samaria
ca. AD 44	James, the son of Zebedee and brother of John, was martyred
AD 47-48	Paul's first missionary trip

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Acts in History

Years	Events
AD 49-52	Paul's second missionary trip
AD 52-57	Paul's third missionary trip
AD 60-62	Paul's first imprisonment in Rome
ca. AD 66-67	Paul's second imprisonment and martyrdom; Peter's martyrdom

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Timeline of the Epistles

Decade	Book	Place	Date
AD 40s	Galatians	Antioch	48 (or 55)
AD 50s	1 Thessalonians	Corinth	50-51
	2 Thessalonians	Corinth	50-51
AD 50s	1 Corinthians	Ephesus	55-56
	Galatians	Ephesus	55 (or 48)
	2 Corinthians	Macedonia	55-56
	Romans	Corinth	57
AD 60s	Ephesians	Rome	60
	Colossians	Rome	60
	Philemon	Rome	60
	Philippians	Rome	61-62
	1 Timothy	Macedonia?	64-66
	Titus	Macedonia?	64-66
	2 Timothy	Macedonia?	67

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Peter's Use of Joel

Acts 2:16-21 (see Joel 2:28-32)

In Acts 2 Pentecost arrives, and the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit. In response to criticism, Peter says that what they hear and see was "spoken by the prophet Joel." Yet in the passage Peter quotes, there are events mentioned that did not happen at Pentecost, like the moon turning to blood. Did Peter err in quoting Joel?

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Baptism Necessary for Salvation?

Acts 2:38

Peter seems to be saying that those who responded to his message had to repent and be baptized before they could receive the Holy Spirit. But this is contrary to the teaching of Paul that baptism is not part of the gospel (1 Cor. 1:17) and that we are saved by faith alone (Rom. 4:4; Eph. 2:8-9).

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75 People or 70 People?

*"Then Joseph sent and invited his father Jacob and all his relatives to come to him, **seventy-five** in all." (Acts 7:14)*

*"The children of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two; all the persons of the house of Jacob who came into Egypt were **seventy**." (Gen. 46:27)*

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Abraham or Jacob?

*"...so Jacob went down to Egypt. He himself died there as well as our ancestors, and their bodies were brought back to Shechem and laid in the tomb that **Abraham** had bought for a sum of silver from the sons of Hamor in Shechem." (Acts 7:15-16)*

*"The bones of Joseph, which the Israelites had brought up from Egypt, were buried at Shechem, in the portion of ground that **Jacob** had bought from the children of Hamor, the father of Shechem, for one hundred pieces of money." (Joshua 24:32)*

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Voice Audible to Companions?

Acts 9:7 (22:9)

According to 9:7: *"And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, **hearing a voice**, but seeing no man."* But Acts 22:9 declares: *"Those who were with me indeed saw the light and were afraid, but they **did not hear the voice** of Him who spoke to me."* This appears to be an outright contradiction.

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For or Against Circumcision?

Paul's main point in Galatians can be summarized in his words: *"If you become circumcised, Christ will profit you nothing"* (Gal. 5:2). Yet Paul admits that he had Timothy circumcised *"because of the Jews who were in that region"* (Acts 16:3). Didn't this contradict his own teaching?

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