

The Jerusalem Church

Lesson 3

Evangelized To All And Joyfully
Obeyed While Persecuted

The Jerusalem Church

1. Devoted to and unified by the apostles' teaching
2. Showed love for needy saints and received love when needy
3. Evangelized to all and joyfully obeyed while persecuted

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Showed Love For Needy Saints And Received Love When Needy

1. Christians are commanded to work and care for their families and others
2. The Jerusalem church cared for their own needy members first
3. When needy the Jerusalem church received from other local churches

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Introduction

- The book of Acts reveals people became Christians when they believed in Jesus enough to repent of their sins, confess Him as the Son of God before men and be baptized (immersed in water) for forgiveness of their sins
- The book of Acts also gives the Divine record of the first local church in Jerusalem composed of these first Christians

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Evangelism Begins In Jerusalem

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

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Evangelism Begins In Jerusalem

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Act 2:47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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Persecution 1 Peter and John Arrested But Stand Firm

Act 4:1 As they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple *guard* and the Sadducees came up to them,

Act 4:2 being greatly disturbed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

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Act 4:3 And they laid hands on them and put them in jail until the next day, for it was already evening.

Act 4:4 But many of those who had heard the message believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

Act 4:7 When they had placed them in the center, they *began to* inquire, "By what power, or in what name, have you done this?"

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Persecution 1 Peter and John Arrested But Stand Firm

Act 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people,

Act 4:9 if we are on trial today for a benefit done to a sick man, as to how this man has been made well,

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Act 4:10 let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead-- by this *name* this man stands here before you in good health.

Act 4:11 "He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, *but WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER stone*.

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Persecution 1 Peter and John Arrested But Stand Firm

Act 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Act 4:13 Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and *begun* to recognize them as having been with Jesus.

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Persecution 1 Peter and John Arrested But Stand Firm

Act 4:14 And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to say in reply.

Act 4:18 And when they had summoned them, they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

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Persecution 1 Peter and John Arrested But Stand Firm

Act 4:19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge;

Act 4:20 for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

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Act 4:21 When they had threatened them further, they let them go (finding no basis on which to punish them) on account of the people, because they were all glorifying God for what had happened;

Act 4:22 for the man was more than forty years old on whom this miracle of healing had been performed.

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They Prayed Evangelized And Joyfully Obeyed The Lord

Act 4:23 When they had been released, they went to their own *companions* and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them.

Act 4:24 And when they heard *this*, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is You who **MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM,**

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They Prayed Evangelized And Joyfully Obeyed The Lord

Act 4:25 who by the Holy Spirit, *through* the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

Act 4:26 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'

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Act 4:27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

Act 4:28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Act 4:29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, ²⁰

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Act 4:30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and *began* to speak the word of God with boldness.

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They Prayed Evangelized And Joyfully Obeyed The Lord

Act 5:14 And all the more believers in the Lord, multitudes of men and women, were constantly added to *their number*,

Act 5:15 to such an extent that they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and pallets, so that when Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on any one of them.

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Persecution 2 The Apostles Arrested Twice, Threatened and Beaten But Stand Firm

Act 5:17 But the high priest rose up, along with all his associates (that is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy.

Act 5:18 They laid hands on the apostles and put them in a public jail.

Act 5:19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the prison, and taking them out he said,

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Act 5:20 "Go, stand and speak to the people in the temple the whole message of this Life."

Act 5:27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

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Act 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

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Act 5:30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

Act 5:31 "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

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Persecution 2 The Apostles Arrested Twice,
Threatened and Beaten But Stand Firm

Act 5:38 "So in the present case, I say to you, stay away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or action is of men, it will be overthrown;

Act 5:39 but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them; or else you may even be found fighting against God."

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Persecution 2 The Apostles Arrested Twice,
Threatened and Beaten But Stand Firm

Act 5:40 They took his advice; and after calling the apostles in, they flogged them and ordered them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and *then* released them.

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They Evangelized And Joyfully
Obeyed The Lord

Act 5:41 So they went on their way from the presence of the Council, rejoicing that they had been considered worthy to suffer shame for *His* name.

Act 5:42 And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they kept right on teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

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Act 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

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Persecution 3 Stephen Murdered, Saints Scatter and Keep Evangelizing and Obeying

Act 7:51 "You men who are stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears are always resisting the Holy Spirit; you are doing just as your fathers did.

Act 7:52 "Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? They killed those who had previously announced the coming of the Righteous One, whose betrayers and murderers you have now become;

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Act 7:53 you who received the law as ordained by angels, and yet did not keep it."

Act 7:54 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the quick, and they *began* gnashing their teeth at him.

Act 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God;

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Act 7:56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Act 7:57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and covered their ears and rushed at him with one impulse.

Act 7:58 When they had driven him out of the city, they *began* stoning *him*; and the witnesses laid aside their robes at the feet of a young man named Saul. 37

Persecution 3 Stephen Murdered, Saints Scatter and Keep Evangelizing and Obeying

Act 7:59 They went on stoning Stephen as he called on *the Lord* and said, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!"

Act 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep. 38

Persecution 3 Stephen Murdered, Saints Scatter and Keep Evangelizing and Obeying

Act 8:1 Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

Act 8:2 *Some* devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. 39

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Act 8:3 But Saul *began* ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.

Act 8:4 Therefore, those who had been scattered went about preaching the word.

Act 8:5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and *began* proclaiming Christ to them. 40

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Act 8:12 But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.

Act 8:13 Even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip, and as he observed signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed. 41

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Act 8:35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Act 8:36 As they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch *said*, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" 42

Persecution 3 Stephen Murdered, Saints Scatter and Keep Evangelizing and Obeying

Act 8:37 [And Philip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."]

Act 8:38 And he ordered the chariot to stop; and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch, and he baptized him.

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Saul The Leading Persecutor Is Saved By The Gospel

Act 9:1 Now Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest,

Act 9:2 and asked for letters from him to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, both men and women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

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Act 9:3 As he was traveling, it happened that he was approaching Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him;

Act 9:4 and he fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?"

Act 9:5 And he said, "Who are You, Lord?" And He *said*, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting,

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Act 9:6 but get up and enter the city, and it will be told you what you must do."

Act 9:7 The men who traveled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Act 9:8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; and leading him by the hand, they brought him into Damascus.

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Act 9:9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Act 9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel;

Act 9:16 for I will show him how much he must suffer for My name's sake."

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Act 9:17 So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

Act 9:18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he got up and was baptized; ⁴⁹

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Act 9:19 and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were at Damascus, Act 9:20 and immediately he *began* to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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Act 9:21 All those hearing him continued to be amazed, and were saying, "Is this not he who in Jerusalem destroyed those who called on this name, and *who* had come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?"

Act 9:22 But Saul kept increasing in strength and confounding the Jews who lived at Damascus by proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ. ⁵¹

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Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

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Saul The Persecutor Became The Persecuted

Act 9:26 When he came to Jerusalem, he was trying to associate with the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

Act 9:27 But Barnabas took hold of him and brought him to the apostles and described to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had talked to him, and how at Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. ⁵³

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Act 9:28 And he was with them, moving about freely in Jerusalem, speaking out boldly in the name of the Lord.

Act 9:29 And he was talking and arguing with the Hellenistic *Jews*; but they were attempting to put him to death.

Act 9:30 But when the brethren learned *of it*, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him away to Tarsus. ⁵⁴

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Saul The Persecutor Became The Persecuted

Gal 5:11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling block of the cross has been abolished.

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God Provides Peace To The Church That Continues Evangelizing and Obeying

Act 9:31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.

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We Must Be Willing To Joyfully Suffer For Christ Today

1Pe 4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you;

1Pe 4:13 but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation.

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1Pe 4:14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1Pe 4:15 Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

1Pe 4:16 but if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.

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2Ti 3:10 Now you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance,

2Ti 3:11 persecutions, *and* sufferings, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium *and* at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord rescued me!

2Ti 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 10:1 Now *there was* a man at Caesarea named Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian cohort,

Act 10:2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, and gave many alms to the *Jewish* people and prayed to God continually.

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Act 10:3 About the ninth hour of the day he clearly saw in a vision an angel of God who had *just* come in and said to him, "Cornelius!"

Act 10:4 And fixing his gaze on him and being much alarmed, he said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and alms have ascended as a memorial before God.

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 10:5 "Now dispatch *some* men to Joppa and send for a man *named* Simon, who is also called Peter;

Act 10:6 he is staying with a tanner *named* Simon, whose house is by the sea."

Act 10:10 But he became hungry and was desiring to eat; but while they were making preparations, he fell into a trance;

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Act 10:11 and he *saw the sky opened up, and an object like a great sheet coming down, lowered by four corners to the ground,

Act 10:12 and there were in it all *kinds of* four-footed animals and crawling creatures of the earth and birds of the air.

Act 10:13 A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill and eat!"

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Act 10:14 But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything unholy and unclean."

Act 10:15 Again a voice *came* to him a second time, "What God has cleansed, no *longer* consider unholy."

Act 10:16 This happened three times, and immediately the object was taken up into the sky.

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Act 10:19 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you.

Act 10:20 "But get up, go downstairs and accompany them without misgivings, for I have sent them Myself."

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Act 10:34 Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand *now* that God is not one to show partiality,

Act 10:35 but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him.

Act 10:40 "God raised Him up on the third day and granted that He become visible,

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 10:41 not to all the people, but to witnesses who were chosen beforehand by God, *that is*, to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead.

Act 10:42 "And He ordered us to preach to the people, and solemnly to testify that this is the One who has been appointed by God as Judge of the living and the dead.

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 10:43 "Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins."

Act 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message.

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 10:45 All the circumcised believers who came with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also.

Act 10:46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God. Then Peter answered,

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Act 10:47 "Surely no one can refuse the water for these to be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *did*, can he?"

Act 10:48 And he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to stay on for a few days.

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Act 2:38 Peter *said* to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 11:17 "Therefore if God gave to them the same gift as *He gave* to us also after believing in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?"

Act 11:18 When they heard this, they quieted down and glorified God, saying, "Well then, God has granted to the Gentiles also the repentance *that leads* to life."

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 11:19 So then those who were scattered because of the persecution that occurred in connection with Stephen made their way to Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except to Jews alone.

Act 11:20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who came to Antioch and *began* speaking to the Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

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They Evangelized To The Gentiles Beginning With Cornelius

Act 11:26 and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

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Persecution 4 Herod Executed James and Arrested Peter

Act 12:1 Now about that time Herod the king laid hands on some who belonged to the church in order to mistreat them.

Act 12:2 And he had James the brother of John put to death with a sword.

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Persecution 4 Herod Executed James and Arrested Peter

Act 12:3 When he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. Now it was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

Act 12:4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out before the people.

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The Church Prays And Peter Is Miraculously Rescued

Act 12:5 So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God.

Act 12:6 On the very night when Herod was about to bring him forward, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards in front of the door were watching over the prison.

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Act 12:7 And behold, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared and a light shone in the cell; and he struck Peter's side and woke him up, saying, "Get up quickly." And his chains fell off his hands.

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The Lord Strikes Herod And They Continue To Evangelize

Act 12:22 The people kept crying out, "The voice of a god and not of a man!"

Act 12:23 And immediately an angel of the Lord struck him because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and died.

Act 12:24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Mat 24:1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

Mat 24:2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Mat 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what *will be* the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Mat 24:15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Mat 24:16 then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains.

Luk 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

Luk 21:21 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Heb 12:25 See to it that you do not refuse Him who is speaking. For if those did not escape when they refused him who warned *them* on earth, much less *will we escape* who turn away from Him who *warns* from heaven.

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Heb 12:26 And His voice shook the earth then, but now He has promised, saying, "YET ONCE MORE I WILL SHAKE NOT ONLY THE EARTH, BUT ALSO THE HEAVEN."

Heb 12:27 This *expression*, "Yet once more," denotes the removing of those things which can be shaken, as of created things, so that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

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Persecution 5 Jerusalem Church Ended But Jesus' Church Continues

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe;

Heb 12:29 for our God is a consuming fire.

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Evangelized To All And Joyfully Obeyed While Persecuted

1. They evangelized to the Gentiles beginning with Cornelius
2. Persecution 4 Herod executed James and arrested Peter
3. The church prays and Peter is miraculously rescued
4. The Lord strikes Herod and they continue to evangelize
5. Persecution 5 Jerusalem church ended but Jesus' church continues

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