



The
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The image features a central graphic of a stylized orange flame with a textured, paper-like appearance. The flame is positioned to the left of the word 'ACTS', which is rendered in a large, bold, orange, sans-serif font. Above 'ACTS' is the word 'The' in a smaller, white, cursive script. Below 'ACTS' is the phrase 'OF THE APOSTLES' in a white, all-caps, serif font. The background is a dark, textured olive green with large, stylized, light-colored wave-like shapes that resemble flames or smoke, creating a layered and dramatic effect.



Today's Scripture Reading

Acts 19:1-20



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⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. ⁷ There were about twelve men in all. ⁸ And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. ⁹ But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰ This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹ And God was doing extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul,



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- SAUL PERSECUTES CHRISTIANS

- SAUL ENCOUNTERS CHRIST ON THE ROAD TO DAMASCUS
- PETER RAISES DORCAS FROM THE DEAD

30 31

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- CHRIST RISES FROM THE DEAD
- CHRIST ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN
- HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON THE APOSTLES
- PETER HEALS A LAME MAN

- KING HEROD HAS JAMES EXECUTED
- AN ANGEL RESCUES PETER FROM PRISON

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- JERUSALEM COUNSEL
- 1 THESSALONIANS

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

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PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

GALATIANS

NERO BECOMES ROMAN EMPEROR

1 & 2 CORINTHIANS

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Romans 8:9-10

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”



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COMMON THEOLOGICAL FLAWS IN *ANGELOLOGY*



A look at Matthew 12 and Matthew 7:21-23 | DEMON POSSESSION

- Exorcism means those who expel demons by using sacred names
- Exorcism was not abnormal in Scripture: *Luke 10:17-20*
- A Christian cannot be possessed by a demon
- A Christian can be tormented by a demon
- The main tool for demons toward the believer are lies



TAKE AWAY

- In these accounts these are not people doing things in Christ's power and yet were not Christians.
- These are unbelievers at best thinking they are serving Christ or using magic for evil gain and in both instances being a tool of Satan to see supernatural acts happen or to participate in a scam.



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