

## *The Centrality of Jerusalem in Luke-Acts*

### **Gospel of Luke**

- The story opens in Jerusalem (in the temple) (1:5–8).
- Jesus is brought to Jerusalem as a baby (2:22–38).
- Jesus is in Jerusalem at the age of twelve (2:41–50).
- There is a ten-chapter journey to Jerusalem (9:51–19:40; see especially 9:51, 53; 13:22; 17:11; 18:31; 19:11, 28).
- Jesus weeps over Jerusalem (19:41–44; also 13:33–35).
- Resurrection appearances occur in and around Jerusalem (24:13, 18, 33, 41–43).
- The mission to all nations begins with Jerusalem (24:47).
- Jesus tells disciples to stay in Jerusalem (24:49).
- The story closes in Jerusalem (in the temple) (24:52–53).

See also 5:17; 6:17; 9:31; 10:30; 13:4; 21:20, 24; 23:28.

### **Book of Acts**

- Jesus orders his disciples not to leave Jerusalem (1:4).
- The mission to the ends of the earth begins in Jerusalem (1:8).
- Believers gather for prayer and planning in Jerusalem (1:12–26).
- The Holy Spirit comes to 120 believers in Jerusalem (2:1–4).

- Peter preaches to residents of Jerusalem, and three thousand are saved (2:5–41).
- The Jerusalem church is an ideal community (2:42–47; also 4:32–37).
- There are five chapters on the church in Jerusalem (3:1–8:1; see especially 4:5, 16; 5:16, 28; 6:7).
- The Samaritan mission receives the endorsement of the Jerusalem church (8:14–25).
- Paul's newfound devotion to Christ is recognized by the Jerusalem church (9:27–30).
- Peter reports to Jerusalem concerning the baptism of gentiles (11:1–18).
- The Jerusalem church sends Barnabas to check on the gentile mission in Antioch (11:19–26).
- Antioch Christians fund relief ministry for Jerusalem (11:27–30; also 12:25).
- The council in Jerusalem decides on the controversy over gentile conversions (15:1–29).
- Paul promulgates the decision of the Jerusalem council (16:4).
- Paul reports back to Jerusalem after the second missionary journey (18:22).
- Paul reports back to Jerusalem after the third missionary journey (21:17).
- Paul is arrested and put on trial in Jerusalem (21:27–23:11).

See also 8:27; 9:2, 13, 21; 10:39; 13:13, 27, 31; 19:21; 20:16, 22; 21:4–13; 25:1, 3, 7, 9, 15, 20, 24; 26:4, 10, 20; 28:17.