

Class Objectives – After this class you will be able to:

- Identify typical structural markers in the book of Acts.
- Discuss key themes and events in Acts.

Key Terms:

- Structural Markers

Theological Themes in Luke-Acts (cont.)

I. Common Themes to Luke-Acts (cont.):

II. The Structure of Acts:

1. The People?
2. The Prologue
3. Structural Markers
e.g. Acts 6:7; 9:31; 12:24; 19:20; 28:31

III. Themes in Acts:

1. Geographic spread of the Gospel
2. Outside of Judaism to Gentiles
3. Multiplication of the Church
4. In the Midst of Persecution

IV. Key Events of Acts:

1. Pentecost

2. Stephen's martyrdom

anti-Semitism?

Acts 2:23

OT prophecy

3. Philip ministry

4. Paul's conversion

5. Cornelius' conversion

6. Council in Jerusalem

7. Paul in Rome

V. Questions for Consideration:

1. How do the following events in Acts contribute to the overall thrust of the book: Pentecost (Acts 2), Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 6-7); Philip's work in Samaria and with the Ethiopian Eunuch (Acts 8); Paul's conversion (Acts 9); the conversion of Cornelius (Acts 10-11); the Jerusalem Council (Acts 15); the concluding scene with Paul in Rome (Acts 28)?
2. Reread the prologues to Luke and Acts; what themes stand out as important?