

Session #1: Handout—Parallels*

	Jesus in Luke		The Church in Acts
3:21	Jesus prays after his baptism	1:14, 24	The Disciples pray as they await the baptism of the Holy Spirit
3:21-22	Jesus anointed by the Holy Spirit	2:1-4	Apostles anointed by the Holy Spirit
4:14-21	Jesus preaches to the Jews	2:14-39 13:16-41	Peter preaches to the Jews Paul preaches to the Jews
4:16-30	Jesus' ministry begins with a sermon about the fulfillment of Scripture and the people's rejection of him	2:14-40	the Church's ministry begins with a sermon involving fulfillment of scripture and the people's rejection of Jesus
4:31-8:56	The fulfillment is demonstrated by preaching and healing. The conflict illustrates rejection.	2:41-12:17	The fulfillment is illustrated by prophecy and wonders. Persecutions illustrate unbelief
5:17-26	Jesus heals a paralytic	3:1-10 20:9-12	Peter heals a paralytic Paul heals a paralytic
4:40	The sick are brought to be healed	28:9	The sick are brought to be healed
17:11-19	Jesus' healing ministry extends to the Samaritans	8:4-8	Philip's healing ministry extends to the Samaritans
22:26,23:11 23:8, 23:13	The four trials of Jesus (before the Sanhedrin, Pilate, Herod Antipas and Pilate)	23-26	The four trials of Paul (Sanhedrin, Felix, Festus, Herod Agrippa)
22:66-71	Jesus' trial before the Sanhedrin	22:30-23:10	Paul's trial before the Sanhedrin
23:16, 22	Pilate says he will release him	26:32	Agrippa says "This man could have been released"
23:34, 46	Final surrender to the Father; prayers for forgiveness of persecutors	7:59-60	Stephen's final surrender to the Father and prayers for forgiveness of persecutors

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	Peter in Acts		Paul in Acts
2:1-4	A special manifestation of the Spirit	13:1-3	A special manifestation of the Spirit
2:14-40	Apostolic Preaching results from the Spirit	13:16-40	Apostolic Preaching results from the Spirit
2:22-39	Peter preaches to the Jews	13:26-41	Paul preaches to the Jews
3:1-10	A mighty work follows. A lame man is healed	14:8-13	A mighty work follows. A lame man is healed
3:12:26	The healing of the lame man is followed by a speech beginning: "Men, ... why?"	14:15-17	The healing of the lame man is followed by a speech beginning: "Men, ... why?"
5:15	Peter heals through a sign of his presence	19:12	Paul heals through a sign of his presence
6:8-8:4	Stephen is stoned to death at the instigation of Jews of the Diaspora after a speech. The result is the preaching in a widening context	14:19-23	Stephen is stoned to death at the instigation of Jews from Antioch and Iconium after a speech and is thought to be dead. The result is the preaching in a widening context
8:17	Peter (with John) confers Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands	19:6	Paul confers Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands
8:18-24	Peter rebukes a magician	13:6-11	Paul rebukes a magician
9:36-41	Peter raises the dead	20:9-12	Paul raises the dead
10-11	Peter has a mission to the Gentiles. Divine guidance leads Peter in a direction different than what he has planned. In 10:9-10, the Spirit guides Peter through a vision. He then has to justify his actions in Jerusalem	13-21	Paul has a mission to the Gentiles. Divine guidance leads Paul in a direction different than what he has planned. In 16:6-10 Paul is led by a vision to Macedonia. He then has to justify his actions in Jerusalem
12	The first half of Acts ends with the imprisonment of Peter at a Jewish feast (12:4). The jailing of Peter is associated with a "Herod" (12:5-6), involves escape from the hands of the Jews (12:3-4, 6-11), and concludes with no information about the fate of Peter (12:17) but only the success of the Word of God (12:24)	21-28	The second half of Acts ends with the jailing of Paul at a Jewish feast (21:16). The jailing has a loose relationship with a "Herod" (25:13, 23-24), involves escape from death at the hands of the Jews (23:12-35), and concludes with no information about the fate of Paul (28:30-31) but only the success of the Word of God (28:30-31).
12:6-11	Peter is miraculously delivered from prison	20:9-12	Paul is miraculously delivered from prison

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