

The
Acts
of the Apostles



Sermon: Ministry in Jerusalem Acts 3 – 7





- “I can no longer be comfortable with my prejudices.”
- “I have real peace that stays with me, even when everything is going wrong.”
- “I am less judgmental and more able to forgive.”
- “I never knew a time when I was not a Christian, but I’m convinced it enlarges my spirit.”
- “I know a joy and contentment in my life I never knew before.”
- “My natural inclination is to think only of myself. But because of Christ, I can no longer ignore the needs of others.”
- “The guilt I lived with has been taken away.”
- “It has put a song in my heart.”
- “I cannot sin in peace.”
- “Christ has given my life a purpose.”

Acts 2:41-47 (NRSV)

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

And they were continually
devoting themselves to the
apostles' TEACHING
and to FELLOWSHIP, to
the BREAKING OF BREAD,
and to PRAYER.”

Acts 2:42



Acts 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word."

What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

A sunset over the ocean with the word "DEACONS" overlaid in large orange letters. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the water and sky. The word "DEACONS" is written in a bold, sans-serif font, with each letter having a slight shadow effect. The background is a photograph of a sunset over the ocean, with the sun low on the horizon and its light reflecting on the water. The word "DEACONS" is overlaid in large, orange, 3D-style letters across the middle of the image.

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Therefore brethren pick out from among you seven men of good repute full of the Spirit and of wisdom





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ACTS 2:42-47

God called

Jews Lord days
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