St. Mary and Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church

Bible Contest

The Holy Book of Acts

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Please submit your answers to the church bookstore.
Bible Study Questions for the Holy Book of Acts

Part I: Circle the best answer

1. Who is the author of the book of Acts?
   a) Mark  b) Theophilus  c) Luke  d) Matthew

2. To whom was this book addressed?
   a) Mark  b) Theophilus  c) Luke  d) Matthew

3. Where did the disciples witness the Ascension of the Lord?
   a) Jerusalem  b) Mount Olivet  c) Galilee  d) Samaria

4. How many men were gathered in the upper room when the Holy Spirit descended?
   a) 130  b) 150  c) 120  d) 220

5. Who was counted among the eleven to replace Judas?
   a) Matthias  b) Joseph  c) Justus  d) John

6. The Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in the shape of:
   a) a dove  b) tongues of fire  c) rain  d) calm wind

7. The Holy Spirit descended on the day of Pentecost at the time of the:
   a) third hour  b) sixth hour  c) first hour  d) ninth hour

8. …………… souls believed and were baptized on the day of Pentecost.
   a) 4 thousand  b) 300 thousand  c) 3 thousand  d) 30 thousand

9. Peter healed the lame man who lay at:
   a) Solomon’s porch at the sixth hour
   b) the gate of the temple called Beautiful at the ninth hour
   c) the gate of the temple called Beautiful at the sixth hour
   d) at Solomon’s porch at the ninth hour

10. “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren” is a prophecy about:
    a) Moses  b) Samuel  c) Christ  d) Elijah

11. The disciples departed from the presence of the Jewish council, rejoicing because:
    a) they suffered for Christ’s name
    b) the Jews let them finally go
    c) they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name
    d) they would continue to preach about Christ

12. How many years did the Israelites spend in Egypt?
    a) 40 years  b) 400 years  c) 440 years  d) 500 years
13. Ananias fell dead because he lied to:
   a) Peter  b) Sapphira  c) the apostles  d) the Holy Spirit

14. Who guarded the clothes of those who stoned Stephen?
   a) the Jews  b) the chief priests  c) Saul  d) the people

15. Those who were scattered because of the persecution in Jerusalem:
   a) carried Stephen’s body  b) glorified God  
   c) preached the Word  d) lamented Stephen’s death

16. Philip preached in:
   a) Jerusalem  b) Judea  c) Joppa  d) Samaria

17. Those who believed in Samaria received the Holy Spirit:
   a) through baptism  b) by the laying of the apostles’ hands  
   c) by praying on the new believers’ behalf  d) in the form of tongues of fire

18. Who baptized the Ethiopian eunuch?
   a) Philip  b) Peter  c) John  d) Paul

19. On his way back from Jerusalem, the Ethiopian eunuch was reading in the:
   a) book of Isaiah  b) book of Psalms  c) books of Moses  d) book of Jeremiah

20. God appeared to Saul on his way to:
   a) Jerusalem  b) Tarsus  c) Samaria  d) Damascus

21. Saul’s eyes were opened and he received the Holy Spirit at the hands of:
   a) Barnabas  b) Ananias  c) Peter  d) Philip

22. Peter healed Aeneas who was bedridden eight years in:
   a) Joppa  b) Damascus  c) Lydda  d) Samaria

23. Tabitha’s name is translated to:
   a) girl  b) Dorcas  c) woman  d) pure

24. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead in:
   a) Lydda  b) Damascus  c) Samaria  d) Joppa

25. Peter saw a great sheet coming down from heaven with all kinds of four-footed animals and birds of the air:
   a) because he was hungry  
   b) so that he would never consider any food common or unclean  
   c) because it was the sixth hour  
   d) so that he would never consider anyone common or unclean
26. The Holy Spirit descended upon the Gentiles in:
   a) Cornelius’ house    b) Jerusalem    c) Antioch    d) Samaria

27. The disciples were first called Christians in:
   a) Tarsus       b) Caesarea     c) Antioch    d) Jerusalem

28. The first apostle who was martyred was:
   a) James, the brother of John      b) John
   c) Barnabas             d) James, the Lord’s brother

29. While in prison, constant prayer was raised on Peter’s behalf by the church in:
   a) the house of Mary, the mother of James and Joses
   b) the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark
   c) the house of Mary Magdalene
   d) the house of the Virgin Mary

30. An angel of the Lord struck Herod and he was eaten by worms and died because:
   a) he sat on the royal throne and spoke to the people
   b) the people shouted “the voice of a god and not of a man”
   c) he was arrayed in royal apparel and sat on the royal throne
   d) he did not give glory to God

31. In Paphos, the proconsul Sergius Paulus believed at the hands of Paul the apostle,…..
   a) when he saw what happened to Simon the sorcerer
   b) when he saw what happened to Elymes the sorcerer
   c) because of Paul’s preaching
   d) because of Paul and Barnabas’ preaching

32. John whose surname was Mark departed from Paul and Barnabas in:
   a) Paphos    b) Antioch in Pisidia   c) Perga in Pamphylia    d) Lystra

33. Saul’s name was changed to Paul in:
   a) Paphos    b) Antioch in Pisidia   c) Perga in Pamphylia    d) Lystra

34. Paul and Barnabas fled from Iconium to Lystra and Derbe:
   a) because the Gentiles wanted to stone them
   b) because the Gentiles and the Jews wanted to stone them
   c) fearing the Jews and the Gentiles
   d) because the Jews wanted to stone them

35. Paul healed the cripple from his mother’s womb in Lystra because:
   a) he shouted to Paul that he may heal him
   b) he asked Paul in faith to be healed
   c) because Paul saw that he had faith to be healed
   d) because his parents asked Paul to heal him
36. The multitude called Barnabas Zeus and Paul Hermes in:
   a) Derbe    b) Iconium    c) Antioch    d) Lystra

37. Paul was stoned in:
   a) Derbe    b) Iconium    c) Antioch    d) Lystra

38. The apostles and the elders were gathered in Jerusalem to examine the issue of:
   a) circumcising the Gentiles before entering the Christian faith
   b) the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Gentiles
   c) Paul’s new role in preaching the Word
   d) the miracles and wonders that God performed through the apostles

39. The first council was held in
   a) Nicea    b) Jerusalem   c) Ephesus    d) Constantinople

40. The head of the council of Jerusalem was:
    a) James, John’s brother    b) James, the Lord’s brother
    c) John                    d) Peter

41. Barnabas sailed to Cyrus accompanied by:
    a) Paul    b) John    c) Thomas    d) Mark

42. Paul and those who were with him left Troas and went to Macedonia:
    a) because they had to pass through Macedonia
    b) because they faced many persecutions in Troas
    c) because a Macedonian man called upon Paul’s help in a vision
    d) because Macedonia was near Troas

43. Which statement accurately describes Timothy, Paul’s disciple?
    a) His father was Jewish and his mother was Greek
    b) His mother and father were both Jewish
    c) His mother was Jewish and his father was Greek
    d) His mother and father were both Greek

44. Lydia and her household were baptized in:
    a) Troas    b) Thyatria    c) Philippi    d) Samothrace

45. Lydia was:
    a) a seller of purple    b) a seller of clothes    c) a tailor    d) a cook

46. Paul cast out the spirit of divination from a slave girl:
    a) because Paul was annoyed because of her
    b) because she witnessed the truth about them
    c) because she witnessed about them falsely
    d) because her parents asked him to do so
47. Paul and Silas were beaten and thrown into prison in Philippi
   a) because of the Jews
   b) because of an upheaval created by the girl’s masters
   c) because they preached customs that are not lawful for Romans
   d) because of the masters

48. The prison keeper wanted to kill himself:
   a) because the prisoners had fled
   b) because the prisoners’ chains were loosed
   c) because the prisoners’ chains were loosed and the prison doors were opened
   d) because he thought that the prisoners had fled

49. The magistrate came and pleaded with Peter and Silas and released them from prison:
   a) when they saw the miracle that happened to them
   b) upon the officers’ request
   c) when they saw that the prison keeper believed
   d) when they found out that they were Roman

50. Paul left Berea and came to Athens:
   a) because the Jews in Berea stirred up crowds against him
   b) because the Jews in Thessalonica stirred up crowds against him
   c) to flee the rulers
   d) because Silas and Timothy stayed there in Berea

51. What was Paul’s occupation?
   a) carpenter     b) tentmaker    c) silversmith    d) tailor

52. The Athenians said to Paul, “we will hear you again on this matter”,
   a) when they heard about the only God
   b) when they heard that the Divine Nature is not like gold or silver
   c) when they heard about the resurrection of the dead
   d) when they heard that God is not worshipped with men’s hands

53. Paul taught in the school of Tyrannus in Ephesus for:
   a) 2 years       b) 3 years      c) 3 months      d) 2 months

54. The man who was possessed by an evil spirit leaped on:
   a) Sceva the Jewish chief priest     b) Sceva’s sons
   c) Sceva’s daughters      d) all the multitude

55. Many who practiced magic brought their magic books, which were valued at 5,000 pieces of silver, and burned them in the city of:
   a) Corinth     b) Thessalonica     c) Ephesus     d) Philippi
56. There was an uproar in the city of Ephesus:
   a) because Sceva stirred up the people against Paul
   b) because Paul blasphemed against the gods
   c) because Demetrius stirred up the people against Paul
   d) because many stopped worshipping idols

57. Paul raised Eutychus from the dead in:
   a) Greece   b) Miletus   c) Ephesus   d) Troas

58. Paul preached to the elders of the church of Ephesus in:
   a) Greece   b) Miletus   c) Ephesus   d) Troas

59. The priests of the church of Ephesus wept:
   a) because Paul was going to Jerusalem
   b) because Paul told them that some among them will do perverse things
   c) because Paul told them that savage wolves among them will not spare the sheep
   d) because they would see his face no more

60. Philip the evangelist had ……… virgin daughter(s).
    a) four     b) three      c) five       d) one

61. Agabus bound himself with Paul’s belt
    a) to be blessed by it   b) to heal himself from a certain disease
    c) because he needed a belt   d) to prophesy about Paul’s bounds in Jerusalem

62. Why did Paul stay seven days in the temple in Jerusalem?
    a) to fulfill a vow that he had taken   b) to preach to the Jews
    c) to fulfill the customs of the feast   d) to be purified with the men who had taken a vow

63. Which of the following do not believe in the resurrection of the dead?
    a) Christians   b) the Pharisees   c) the Sadducees   d) the Jews

64. Paul was delivered from the hands of the Jews who wanted to kill him through:
    a) one of Paul’s disciples   b) a young man who believed through Paul
    c) Paul’s niece   d) Paul’s nephew

65. Paul was sent from Jerusalem to Caesarea through:
    a) Felix the governor to Claudius Lysias
    b) the centurions to Claudius Lysias
    c) Claudius Lysias to Felix the governor
    d) the Jews to Felix the governor

66. Paul was imprisoned in Antioch for:
    a) two years   b) two months   c) one month   d) one year
67. Before going to Rome, Paul defended himself in front of governors, princes, and kings:
   a) five times   b) four times   c) six times   d) three times

68. King Agrippa could not let Paul go because:
   a) he found him guilty   b) of the Jews
   c) Festus the governor accused Paul   d) Paul appealed to Caesar

69. What is meant by the following verse: “we let her drive” (Acts 27:15)?
   a) They surrendered the issue in God’s hands and let the winds drive them
   b) They surrendered the issue in God’s hands and realized that they were carried by God’s arms
   c) They surrendered themselves to the winds and it carried them
   d) They surrendered themselves to the sailors and the wind carried them

70. The ship that carried Paul and the captives to Rome landed on the island of:
   a) Cyprus   b) Caesarea   c) Malta   d) Crete

71. Paul preached in Rome for:
   a) one year   b) two months   c) two years   d) one month

72. Paul healed ………. of fever and dysentery.
   a) Publius   b) Aristarchus   c) Publius’ father   d) Artistarchus’ brother

Part II: Using the following word bank of places, identify where the following events occurred. Some places may be used more than once or not at all.

Paphos   Perga in Pamphylia   Lystra   Jerusalem
Philippi   Ephesus   Troas   Caesarea
Malta   Damascus   Rome   the way to Damascus
Samaria   Lydda   Joppa   Antioch

1. Elymes the sorcerer resisted Paul and Barnabas there.
2. Paul the apostle was stoned there.
3. Apollos learned the way of the Lord more accurately through Aquila and Priscilla there.
4. Paul defended himself before Felix the governor there.
5. Paul healed Publius’ father from a fever there.
6. Paul healed the lame man who was lying at the gate of the temple there.
7. Peter raised Tabitha from the dead there.
8. John who was surnamed Mark departed from Paul and Barnabas there and returned to Jerusalem.
9. The apostles were first called Christians there.
10. Many who used magic burned their books which were valued at up to 50,000 pieces of silver there.

11. Paul defended himself against King Agrippa there.

12. Paul stayed two years there in a house that he rented for himself.

13. Simon the sorcerer believed there.

14. Cornelius saw his vision there.

15. Paul healed the man who was bedridden from his mother’s womb there.

16. The apostles and the elders met there to discuss the issue of requiring the Gentiles who are entering the faith to be subject to the Jewish law.

17. Lydia the seller of purple was baptized there with her household.

18. Paul raised Eutychus who fell from the window there.

19. The island that Paul and the other captives safely landed on.

20. The Lord appeared to Paul there.

21. Peter saw the vision of the sheets carrying all kinds of creatures there.

22. Paul cast out the spirit of divination from the slave girl there.

23. Agabus bound himself with Paul’s belt there.

24. The disciples took Saul and let him down through the wall in a large basket there.

25. Peter healed Aeneas who was bedridden for eight years there.

**Part III: Fill in the missing words from the following verses from the book of Acts.**

1. “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of ……………… stood and pleaded with him, saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

2. “As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Now separate to Me ………………… and ………………….. for the work to which I have called them.’”

3. “But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, ‘Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at ……………………….”

4. “So when the ship was caught, and could not head into the wind, we let her ………………….”

5. “Yes, you yourselves know that these …………………….have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me.”

6. “And see, now I go bound in the ………………… to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there.”
7. “Even …………………….. or ……………….. were brought from his body [Paul’s] to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.”

8. “They [Paul and Barnabas] reported all that God had done with them, and that He had opened the door of faith to the ……………………….”

9. “We should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from ………………… …………………………, from things strangled, and from ……………………..”

10. “So they departed from the presence of the council, ………………………that they were counted worthy to suffer ……………………. for His name.”

11. “Then the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the …………………. ’”

12. “And a voice spoke to him again the second time, ‘What God has cleansed you must not call …………………. ‘”

13. “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to ……………………..”

14. “So I said, ‘Lord, they know that in every synagogue I imprisoned and beat those who believe on You. And when the blood of Your martyr ……………………… was shed, I also was standing by consenting to his death, and guarding the ……………………..of those who were killing him.’”

15. “So that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of ……………………. passing by might fall on some of them”.

16. “But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in ……………………, and in all …………………. and …………………….., and to the end of the earth.”

17. “Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere ……………………. the word.”

18. “And Stephen, full of ……………………. and ……………………, did great wonders and signs among the people.”

19. “Three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and …………………….., in the breaking of …………………….., and in …………………….. .”

20. “But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this Jesus is the …………………. ”

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Part IV: Who said the following statements and to whom were they said? Also list the reference from the book of Acts.

1. “Do yourself no harm, for we are all here.”

2. “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

3. “This being so, I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men.”

4. “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!”

5. “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”

6. “For he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name’s sake.”

7. “Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people.”

8. “There is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

9. “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

10. “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

11. "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”

12. “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

13. “What do you mean by weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”

14. “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord?”

15. “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”

16. “No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has escaped the sea, yet justice does not allow to live.”

17. “Keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”
18. “I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you.”

19. “But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus.”

20. “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.”

Part V: Put the following events in chronological order:

- The opening of the jail’s gates for the apostles.
- The vision that Peter sees of a sheet falling down from heaven.
- The vision that Paul sees of a Macedonian man trying to cross to him.
- Ananias’ and Sapphira’s death.
- The restoration of Paul’s sight.
- Paul’s service immediately after his stoning.
- The fall of the seven sons of Scevea, the Jewish chief priest, and their humiliation.
- Stephen sees the heavens open during his stoning.
- The earthquake and the opening of the jail’s gates and the loosening of the prisoner’s chains in Philippi.
- Christ’s appearance to Paul.
- The Holy Spirit’s descent upon the apostles in the likeness of tongues of fire.
- Peter raises Tabitha from the dead.
- Paul raises Eutychus from the dead.
- Paul raises the bedridden from his mother’s womb.
- Paul heals Publius’ father from fever and dysentery.
- Elymes the sorcerer is blinded when he resists the Word.
- Peter heals Aeneas the bedridden.
- Peter heals the lame man at the gate of the temple.
- Paul casts out the spirit of divination from the slave girl.
- Paul suffered no harm after being bitten by the viper.