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A. AUTHOR-LUKE
   1) ACTS 1:1 - LUKE 1:1-4
   2) ACTS 16:10-17; 20:5 to 21:25; 27:1 to 28:16

B. PURPOSE-ACTS 1:1, 2

C. DATE 30 A.D. to 62 A.D.

D. ANALYSIS
   1) ACTS 1-7--THE CHURCH IN JERUSALEM
   2) ACTS 8-12--THE CHURCH IN PALESTINE
   3) ACTS 13-28--THE CHURCH IN THE GENTILE WORLD

E. RELATION TO OTHER BOOKS
   1) First eleven verses of Acts corresponds with last chapters of each of the Gospels.
   2) "Acts" is the outcome of Gospel teaching and the example of epistle teaching.

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B. THE FOUNDATION OF CHRISTIANITY
   ACTS 1:3-JESUS SHOWED HIMSELF ALIVE

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   b. Sacrilege - Gross irreverance toward a hallowed person, place or thing; literal temple robber.

B. THE DEFENSE vs 10-21

1. Against Sedition vs 11-13

   a. Time lapse - 12 days, 5 since being in Caesarea

   b. Went to worship - not stir up trouble

   c. There is no proof to Jewish charge

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