

# Acts of the Apostles

## JESUS THE NAZARENE THE KING OF THE JEWS

20 Many of the Jews read this sign, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city,<sup>21</sup> and it was written in Hebrew,<sup>22</sup> Latin, and Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'"

22 Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written."

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, a part for each soldier. They also took the tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. 24 So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but toss for it, to see who gets it." They did this, to fulfill<sup>25</sup> the Scripture<sup>26</sup> that says: **They divided My clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for My clothing.** And this is what the soldiers did.

### Jesus' Provision for His Mother

25 Standing by the cross<sup>27</sup> of Jesus were His mother,<sup>28</sup> His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and **Mary Magdalene.** 26 When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved<sup>29</sup> standing there, He said to His mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" 27 Then He said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

### The Finished Work of Jesus

28 After<sup>30</sup> this, when Jesus knew that everything was now accomplished<sup>31</sup> that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He said, "I'm thirsty!"<sup>32</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there; so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on hyssop<sup>33</sup> and held it up to His mouth.

31 Since it was the preparation day,<sup>34</sup> the Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross<sup>35</sup> on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special day). They requested that Pilate have the men's legs broken and that their foot come and broke the legs of the soldier man and of the other one who had been crucified with Him. 32 When they came to Jesus, they did not break His legs since they saw that He was already dead.<sup>36</sup> 33 But one of the soldiers pierced<sup>37</sup> His side<sup>38</sup> with a spear, and once blood and water<sup>39</sup> came out. 34 He also may believe. His testimony is true, and he knows he is telling the truth. 35 For these things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled: **Not one of His bones will be broken.** 36 Also, another Scripture says: **They will look at the One they pierced.**

### Jesus' Burial

38 After<sup>40</sup> this, a man who was a secretly because he was afraid to ask Pilate Jesus' body,<sup>41</sup> Nicodemus, who had come to Jesus at night, brought a mixture of about 75 pounds<sup>42</sup> of myrrh and aloes. 40 Then they took Jesus' body<sup>43</sup> and wrapped it in linen cloths<sup>44</sup> with the aromatic spices, according to the burial<sup>45</sup> custom of the Jews. 41 There was a garden in the place where He was crucified. A new tomb was in the garden; no one had yet been placed in it. 42 They placed Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation and since the tomb was nearby.

### The Empty Tomb

20 On<sup>46</sup> the first day of the week<sup>47</sup> **Mary Magdalene**<sup>48</sup> came to the tomb<sup>49</sup> early, while it was still dark.

48 She saw the stone removed, and said to herself, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,<sup>50</sup> and we don't know where they have put Him!"

49 At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. 50 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. 51 Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths<sup>52</sup> lying there, yet he did not go in. 52 Then, following Peter, Simon Peter came also. He entered the tomb and saw the linen cloth<sup>53</sup> that had been on His head with the wrapping that with the linen cloths<sup>54</sup> but was folded up in a separate place by itself. 55 The other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, then entered the tomb, and believed. 56 For they still did not understand the Scriptures that He must rise<sup>57</sup> from the dead. 58 Then the disciples went home again.

### Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord

59 But<sup>59</sup> Mary stood outside facing the tomb,<sup>60</sup> crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. 61 She saw two angels<sup>62</sup> in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where Jesus' body<sup>63</sup> had been lying. 62 They said to her, "**Woman, why are you crying?**" 63 "Because they've taken away my Lord,"<sup>64</sup> she told them, "and I don't know where they've put Him." 64 Having said this, she turned around and did not know it was Jesus. 65 "Woman, here is your crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

66 Supposing He was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you've removed Him, tell me where you've put Him, and I will take Him away."

67 Jesus said, "Mary." 68 Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!"<sup>69</sup>—which means "Teacher."

69 "Don't cling to Me," Jesus told her, "for I have not yet ascended<sup>70</sup> to the Father." But go to My brothers<sup>71</sup> and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father—to My God<sup>72</sup> and your God.<sup>73</sup>

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen He had said to her."

### The Disciples Commissioned

19 In the evening of that first day of the week,<sup>74</sup> the disciples were gathered together, with the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews. Then Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"<sup>75</sup>

20 Having said this, He showed them His hands and His side.<sup>76</sup> So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me,<sup>77</sup> I also send you."<sup>78</sup> 22 After saying this, He breathed on them<sup>79</sup> and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>80</sup> 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."<sup>81</sup>

### Thomas Sees and Believes

24 But one of the Twelve, Thomas<sup>82</sup> (called "Twin"), was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

26 But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in His hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails,<sup>83</sup> and put my hand into His side,<sup>84</sup> I will never believe!"<sup>85</sup>

27 After eight days His disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace to you!"

28 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and observe My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don't be an unbeliever, but a believer."<sup>86</sup>

29 Thomas responded to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

30 Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed.<sup>87</sup> Those who believe without seeing<sup>88</sup> are blessed."

### The Purpose of This Gospel

31 Jesus performed many other signs<sup>89</sup> in the presence of His disciples that are not written<sup>90</sup> in this book.<sup>91</sup>

19:18 Other mss add and did not have it. 19:20 Or: arranged. 19:24 Or: 20:22. 19:25 Or: with Hyacinth. 19:26 Or: 20:22. 19:27 Or: 20:22. 19:28 Or: 20:22. 19:29 Or: 20:22. 19:30 Or: 20:22. 19:31 Or: 20:22. 19:32 Or: 20:22. 19:33 Or: 20:22. 19:34 Or: 20:22. 19:35 Or: 20:22. 19:36 Or: 20:22. 19:37 Or: 20:22. 19:38 Or: 20:22. 19:39 Or: 20:22. 19:40 Or: 20:22. 19:41 Or: 20:22. 19:42 Or: 20:22. 19:43 Or: 20:22. 19:44 Or: 20:22. 19:45 Or: 20:22. 19:46 Or: 20:22. 19:47 Or: 20:22. 19:48 Or: 20:22. 19:49 Or: 20:22. 19:50 Or: 20:22. 19:51 Or: 20:22. 19:52 Or: 20:22. 19:53 Or: 20:22. 19:54 Or: 20:22. 19:55 Or: 20:22. 19:56 Or: 20:22. 19:57 Or: 20:22. 19:58 Or: 20:22. 19:59 Or: 20:22. 19:60 Or: 20:22. 19:61 Or: 20:22. 19:62 Or: 20:22. 19:63 Or: 20:22. 19:64 Or: 20:22. 19:65 Or: 20:22. 19:66 Or: 20:22. 19:67 Or: 20:22. 19:68 Or: 20:22. 19:69 Or: 20:22. 19:70 Or: 20:22. 19:71 Or: 20:22. 19:72 Or: 20:22. 19:73 Or: 20:22. 19:74 Or: 20:22. 19:75 Or: 20:22. 19:76 Or: 20:22. 19:77 Or: 20:22. 19:78 Or: 20:22. 19:79 Or: 20:22. 19:80 Or: 20:22. 19:81 Or: 20:22. 19:82 Or: 20:22. 19:83 Or: 20:22. 19:84 Or: 20:22. 19:85 Or: 20:22. 19:86 Or: 20:22. 19:87 Or: 20:22. 19:88 Or: 20:22. 19:89 Or: 20:22. 19:90 Or: 20:22. 19:91 Or: 20:22.

Q&A



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

## New Scripture Memory:

2 Tim 3:12

John 14:6

Acts 4:13

Acts 4:19-20



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

## Chapter 4: Opposition

**JESUS THE NAZARENE THE KING OF THE JEWS**

20 Many of the Jews read this sign because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city,<sup>a</sup> and it was written in Hebrew,<sup>b</sup> Latin, and Greek. The chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Don't write, 'The King of the Jews,' but that He said, 'I am the Son of God.'"

22 Pilate replied, "What I have written, I have written."

23 When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took His clothes and divided them into four parts, a part for each soldier. They also took the tunic, which was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let's not tear it, but toss for it, so each of us gets it." They did this to fulfill the Scripture<sup>c</sup> that says: **They divided My clothes among themselves, and they cast lots for My clothing.** And this is what the soldiers did.

**Jesus' Provision for His Mother**

25 Standing by the cross<sup>a</sup> of Jesus were His mother,<sup>b</sup> His mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and **Mary Magdalene.** When Jesus saw His mother and the disciple He loved<sup>c</sup> standing there, He said to His mother, "**Woman, here is your son.**" Then He said to the disciple, "**Here is your mother.**" And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

**The Finished Work of Jesus**

28 After<sup>a</sup> this, when Jesus knew that everything was now accomplished<sup>b</sup> that the Scripture might be fulfilled, He said, "I'm thirsty!"<sup>c</sup> A jar full of sour wine was sitting there, so they fixed a sponge full of sour wine on hyssop<sup>d</sup> and held it up to His mouth.

31 Since it was the preparation day,<sup>a</sup> the Jews did not want the bodies to remain on the cross<sup>b</sup> on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a special day). They requested that Pilate have the men's legs broken and that their bodies be taken away.<sup>c</sup> So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first man and of the other.

**Jesus' Burial**

38 After<sup>a</sup> this, Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus—but secretly because of his fear of the Jews—asked Pilate that he might remove Jesus' body.<sup>b</sup> Pilate gave him permission, so he came and took His body away. Nicodemus<sup>c</sup> (who had previously come to Him at night) also came, bringing a mixture of about 75 pounds<sup>d</sup> of myrrh and aloes. Then they took Jesus' body<sup>e</sup> and wrapped it in linen cloth<sup>f</sup> with the aromatic spices, according to the burial<sup>g</sup> custom of the Jews. There was a garden in the place where He was crucified. A new tomb was in the garden; no one had yet been placed in it. They placed Jesus there because of the Jewish preparation and since the tomb was nearby.

**The Empty Tomb**

20 On<sup>a</sup> the first day of the week,<sup>b</sup> **Mary Magdalene**<sup>c</sup> came to the tomb<sup>d</sup> early, while it was still dark.

32 The other two disciples, Peter and the other disciple who loved Jesus, followed her. They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him!

33 At that, Peter and the other disciple went out, heading for the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and got to the tomb first. Stooping down, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in.

**Mary Magdalene Sees the Risen Lord**

11 But<sup>a</sup> Mary stood outside facing the tomb,<sup>b</sup> crying. As she was crying, she stooped to look into the tomb. There, she saw two angels<sup>c</sup> in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet, where Jesus' body<sup>d</sup> had been lying. They said to her, "**Woman, why are you crying?**" "Because they've taken away my Lord," she told them, "and I don't know where they've put Him." She saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. "Woman," Jesus said to her, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Supposing He was the gardener, she replied, "Sir, if you've removed Him, tell me where you've put Him, and I will take Him away."

16 Jesus said, "**Mary.**" Turning around, she said to Him in Hebrew, "**Rabbouni!**"—which means "Teacher."

17 "Don't cling to Me," Jesus told her, "for I have not yet ascended<sup>a</sup> to the Father." But go to My brothers<sup>b</sup> and tell them that I am ascending to My Father and your Father—to My God<sup>c</sup> and your God.<sup>d</sup>

18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them what He had said to her.

**The Disciples Commissioned**

19 In the evening of that first day of the week,<sup>a</sup> the disciples were gathered together, with the doors locked because of their fear of the Jews. Then Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!"

20 Having said this, He showed them His hands and His side.<sup>b</sup> So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me,<sup>c</sup> I also send you."<sup>d</sup> After saying this, He breathed on them<sup>e</sup> and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.<sup>f</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."<sup>g</sup>

**Thomas Sees and Believes**

24 But one of the Twelve, Thomas<sup>a</sup> (called "Twin"), was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples kept telling him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "If I don't see the mark of the nails in His hands, put my finger into the mark of the nails,<sup>b</sup> and put my hand into His side,<sup>c</sup> I will never believe!"<sup>d</sup>

25 After eight days His disciples were indoors again, and Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. He said, "Peace to you!"

27 Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and observe My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Don't be an unbeliever, but a believer."<sup>e</sup>

28 Thomas responded to Him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Jesus said, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe without seeing<sup>a</sup> are blessed."

**The Purpose of This Gospel**

30 Jesus performed many other signs<sup>a</sup> in the presence of His disciples that are not written<sup>b</sup> in this book.<sup>c</sup>



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

## Chapter 4: Opposition

**2Ti 3:12** In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:1** The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

**Act 4:2** They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

**Act 4:3** They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

Act 4:1 The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people.

Act 4:2 They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead.

Act 4:3 They seized Peter and John, and because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day.

Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:4** But many who heard the message believed, and the number of men grew to about five thousand.

Plus women and children



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:5** The next day the rulers, elders and teachers of the law met in Jerusalem.

**Act 4:6** Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and the other men of the high priest's family.

**Act 4:7** They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?"



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*



# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:8** Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

**Act 4:9** If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed,

**Act 4:10** then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:11** He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

**Act 4:12** Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

Act 4:11 He is "the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone."

Act 4:12 Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

Joh 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:13** When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:14** But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

**Act 4:15** So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together.

**Act 4:16** "What are we going to do with these men?" they asked. "Everybody living in Jerusalem knows they have done an outstanding miracle, and we cannot deny it.

**Act 4:17** But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn these men to speak no longer to anyone in this name."

**Act 4:18** Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

*Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:19** But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God.

**Act 4:20** For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:21** After further threats they let them go. They could not decide how to punish them, because all the people were praising God for what had happened.

**Act 4:22** For the man who was miraculously healed was over forty years old.

**Act 4:23** On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*



# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:24** When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

**Act 4:25** You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: "Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

**Act 4:26** The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One.'

Psalm 2:1-2



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:27** Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed.

**Act 4:28** They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.

Fulfilling the prophecy about the Christ



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:29** Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

**Act 4:30** Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

Not asking for easier way, but for boldness



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:31** After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Prayer answered!



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:32** All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

**Act 4:33** With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:34** There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales

**Act 4:35** and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Free will giving



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 The birds of the air come and perch in its branches

# Acts of the Apostles

**Act 4:36** Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), **Act 4:37** sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Barnabas will become an important part of the story.



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*

# Acts of the Apostles

## New Scripture Memory:

2 Tim 3:12

John 14:6

Acts 4:13

Acts 4:19-20



Atlanta Church of Christ in Gwinnett

Matthew 13:32 *The birds of the air come and perch in its branches*