

Lesson 3 – March 20
Acts of the Apostles in the Early Church
Unified



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Early Church to Antioch

1. Mar 6	Entrusted	1:1-26	wait for gift
2. Mar 13	Empowered	2:1-15	Pentecost
3. Mar 20	Unified	2:41-47	Fellowship, Pray, Bread, giving
4. Mar 17	<i>Resurrected!</i>	<i>Luke 24:1-12</i>	<i>Easter Evangelistic Emphasis</i>
5. Apr 3	Courageous	3:1 – 4:31	Peter speaks
6. Apr 10	Integrity	4:32 – 5:16	Ananias & Sapphira
7. Apr 17	Faithful	5:17-42	Peter arrested, Gamaliel
8. Apr 24	Selfless	6:1 – 8:3	seven chosen & Stephen
9. May 1	Obedient	8:4-40	Angel, Phillip, Candace
10. May 8	Converted	9:1-31	Paul blinded, then sees
11. May 15	Bold	10:1 – 11:30	Peter raises Tabatha
12. May 22	Accepting	10:1 – 11:30	Peter's vision— <i>EAT</i>
13. May 29	Extraordinary	12:1-25	Peter freed from prison



Early Church to Antioch

June 16, 1858, 1,000-plus delegates met in the Springfield, Illinois, statehouse for the Republican State Convention. At 8:00 p.m., their candidate for the U.S. Senate running against Stephen A. Douglas, Abraham Lincoln, began his speech:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Convention.

If we could first know *where* we are, and *whither* we are tending, we could then better judge *what* to do, and *how* to do it. We are now far into the *fifth* year, since a policy was initiated, with the *avowed* object, and *confident* promise, of putting an end to slavery agitation.

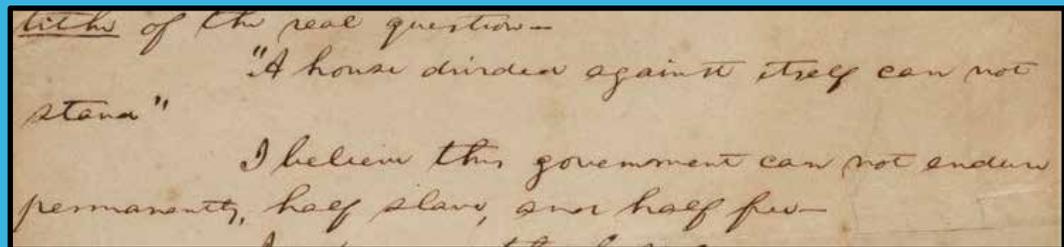
Under the operation of that policy, that agitation has not only, *not ceased*, but has *constantly augmented*. In *my* opinion, it *will* not cease, until a *crisis* shall have been reached, and passed.

"A house divided against itself cannot stand."

I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half *slave* and half *free*. I do not expect the Union to be *dissolved* -- I do not expect the house to *fall* -- but I *do* expect it will cease to be divided.

It will become *all* one thing or *all* the other. ...

www.AbrahamLincolnOnline.org/lincoln/speeches/house.htm



bits of the real question--
"A house divided against itself can not
stand"
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House Divided

Give examples of a house divided

▶ Who likes division?

▶ Who likes conflict?

▶ Why fight?

▶ *Don't give me "T'is our nature"*

Spoiler Alert - there will not be a *full* answer this side of heaven



*hint, hint ... whisper ... usually,
conflict involves PAIN*



sometimes
conflicts

can be
pretty

BIG





pain

Can
be
pretty

BAD





Resolution
can come

HEAVY

unified?



really good for the winner

Early Church Began UNIFIED ... in Peace

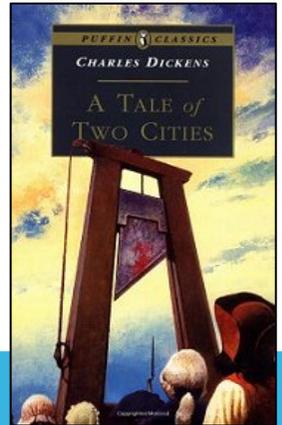
Chapter 2

41-42 Devoted – *3,000 and devoted to Apostles' teaching*

43-47a Together – *Fear, wonders, sharing, meeting, favor*

47b Growing – *Everyday Lord added those being saved*

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair....



from Charles Dickens' *A Tale of Two Cities* (1859)



Church Begins – Acts 2:41-42

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Key Doctrine

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Doctrine of the Church

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Acts 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Rom 1:7; 1Co 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12;
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Augustus H. Strong, *Systematic Theology: A Compendium ...Designed for ... Theological Students* (Griffith & Rowland Press, 1907; 1,166 pgs) – download **FREE** here:

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- ü **Baptism of Repentance, not of Spirit**
- ü **Baptism at Pentecost—Once, for the whole Church**
- ü **All of Spirit when you Believe ... Saved**
- ü **Since then—the Spirit *moves in/through* the Church**
- ü **Gift of Spirit *distinguished* from Gifts of Spirit**



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What Happened in the First Church?



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ü **Apostles' Teaching**

ü **Fellowship**

ü **Breaking of the Bread**

ü **Prayers**



Church Begins – Acts 2:43-47a

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Wonders and Signs?



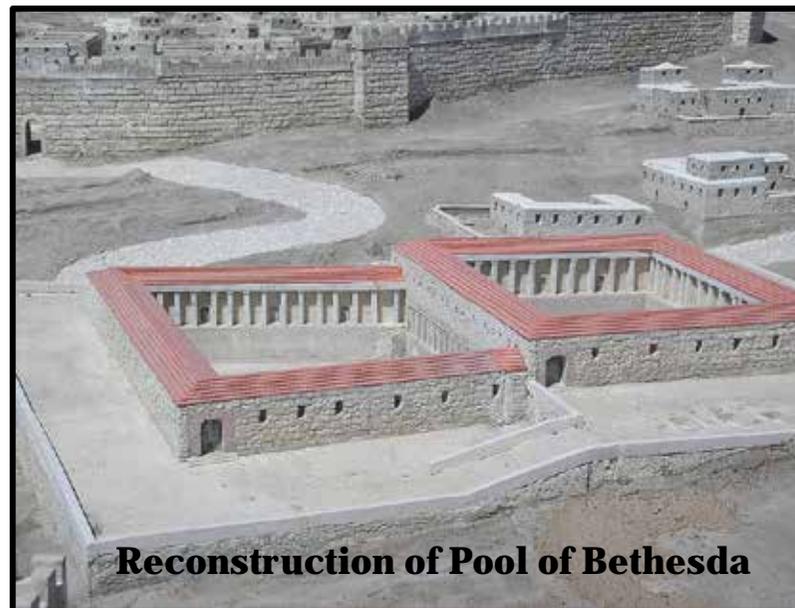
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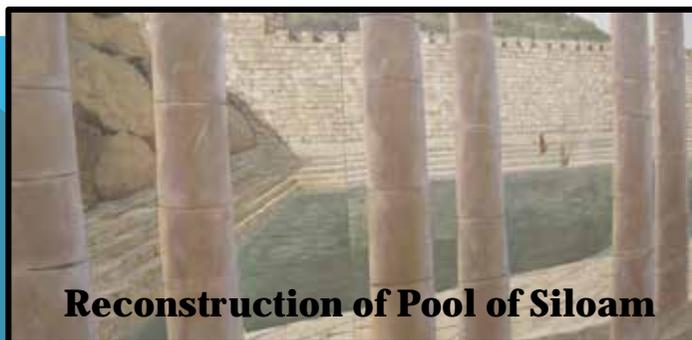
Wonders and Signs?

Seven “Signs” in John

- 1. Turning water into wine, 2:1-11**
- 2. Healing the nobleman’s son, 4:46-54**
- 3. Healing the man at the Pool of Bethesda, 5:1-15**
- 4. Feeding the 5,000, 6:1-15**
- 5. Walking on water, 6:16-21**
- 6. Healing the man born blind Pool of Siloam, 9:1-41**
- 7. Raising Lazarus from the dead, 11:38-44**



Reconstruction of Pool of Bethesda



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ü Apostles' Teaching

ü Fellowship

ü Breaking of the Bread

ü Prayers

Love

Forbearance

Faithfulness

Joy

Kindness

Gentleness

Peace

Goodness

Self-control

What happened?

Fruits of the Spirit

Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23



**Gifts of the Spirit
tools to produce fruit**



Church Begins – Acts 2:41-42

- ❖ How shall we live?
- ❖ Inventory fruit?
- ❖ Possible? Are these all?
- ❖ Can one *analyze* fruit?
- ❖ **Should we?**

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Character Traits

- ✠ **Navy Core Values:** Honor ~ Courage ~ Commitment
- ✠ **New Zealand's 8 Cornerstone Values:** 1. Honest & Trustworthy, 2. Kindness, 3. Consideration, 4. Compassion, 5. Obedience, 6. Responsibility, 7. Respect, and 8. Duty
- ✠ **Plato's Four Virtues:** Wisdom, Self-Restraint, Courage, and Justice
- ✠ **Aristotle ^ added:** Generosity, Truthfulness, Wit, Magnificence, Friendliness, Greatness of Soul
- ✠ **Ben Franklin's 13 Virtues:** 1. Temperance, 2. Silence, 3. Order, 4. Resolution, 5. Frugality, 6. Industry, 7. Sincerity, 8. Justice, 9. Moderation, 10. Cleanliness, 11. Tranquility, 12. Chastity, and 13. Humility
- ✠ **Boy Scouts of America's 12 Virtues:** 1. Trustworthy, 2, honesty, 3. Loyal, 4. Helpful, Friendly, 6. Courteous, 7. Kind, 8. Obedient, 9. Cheerful, 10. Thrifty, 11. Brave, and 12. Clean



**For 31 LISTS of virtues from
31 separate persons/organizations
email me ...**



Church Begins – Acts 2:41-42

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|---|-------|-------------|--------------|
| ✦ How shall we live? | Love | Forbearance | Faithfulness |
| ✦ Inventory fruit? | Joy | Kindness | Gentleness |
| ✦ Possible? Are these all? | Peace | Goodness | Self-control |
| ✦ Can one <i>analyze</i> fruit? | | | |
| ✦ How <i>s h o u l d</i> we look at these? | | | |

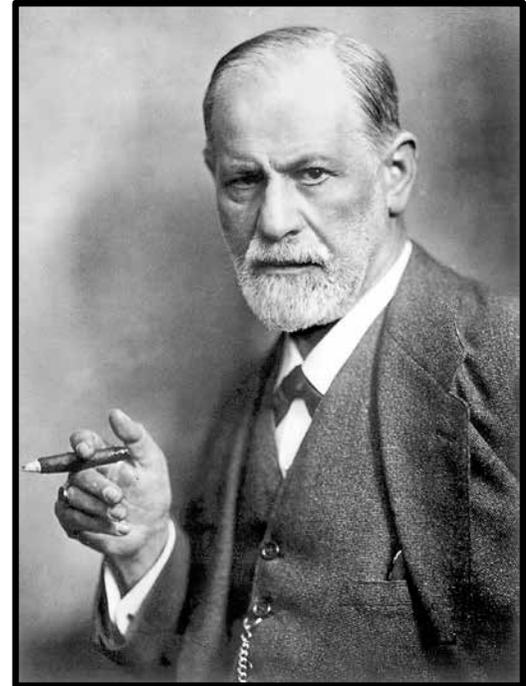


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The Analyst is *IN*

- ✦ Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis
- ✦ eHarmony.com
- ✦ Minnesota Multiphasic Inventory
- ✦ ... ad infinitum ...

of course, *study to show thyself approved!*
the point being



Sigmund Freud



Lot of ways to look at virtues and fruits of the Spirit

... a lot of ways to look at **Christian Love**

Church Begins – Acts 2:41-42

- ü Apostles' Teaching
- ü Fellowship
- ü Breaking of the Bread
- ü Prayers

 **Doing these
results in**



Gifts of the Spirit? – tools to produce fruit





the Church . . . the Church . . .

The Church IS ...

- ü Apostles' Teaching
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Church Begins – Acts 2:47b

Growing –

Acts 2:47b

And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.





Next Week . . .

the Resurrection





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Passion Week Chart

Passover Week—April 7-13 A.D. 30¹

Jewish Days of the Week	FRIDAY	SATURDAY Sabbath	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Nisan 15	Nisan 16	Nisan 17	Nisan 18
Evening (after sundown)		Sabbath celebration (our Fri eve)	Bethany (our Sat eve)	Bethany (our Sun eve)	Bethany (our Mon eve)	Mt. of Olives Olivet Discourse (our Tue eve)	Mt. of Olives Plot against Jesus (our Wed eve)	Jerusalem Passover Supper (our Thu eve)	In the tomb (our Fri eve)	In the tomb (our Sat eve)	Resurrection appearances
Night		Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Bethany	Mount of Olives	Mount of Olives	Garden of Gethsemane Ecclesiastical Trials	In the tomb	In the tomb	
Daytime (prior to sundown)	Jesus arrives in Bethany	Day of rest	Triumphal Entry	Second Clearing of the Temple	Day of Controversy	Day of Rest	Preparations for the Passover	Civil Trials Crucifixion Burial	In the tomb	Resurrection Resurrection appearances	
Scripture Pertinent to the Day	Jn. 12:1	Mt. 26:6-13 Mk. 14:3-9 Jn. 12:2-11	Mt. 21:1-11 Mk. 11:1-11 Lk. 19:29-44 Jn. 12:12-19	Mt. 21:12-19 Mk. 11:12-19 Lk. 19:45-48	Mt. 21:20-23:39 Mk. 11:20-12:44 Lk. 20:1-21:4 Jn. 12:20-50	Mt. 24:1-25:45 Mk. 13:1-37 Lk. 21:5-36	Mt. 26:1-19 Mk. 14:1-16 Lk. 22:1-13 Jn. 13:1	Mt. 26:20-27:61 Mk. 14:17-15:47 Lk. 22:14-23:56 Jn. 13:1-19:42	Mt. 27:62-28:1 Mk. 16:1 Lk. 23:56	Mt. 28:2-15 Mk. 16:2-12 Lk. 24:1-33 Jn. 20:1-18	Mk. 16:13-14 Lk. 24:33-43 Jn. 20:19-25
Christian Holidays			Palm Sunday				Maundy Thursday ³	Good Friday		Easter	

¹ Scholars disagree about the actual year of Christ's crucifixion. The traditional date is A.D. 30. Some argue for an A.D. 33 date, and a few prefer A.D. 32. If A.D. 30 is correct, the Thursday of the crucifixion would be April 7 (the 15th of the Jewish month of Nisan).

² The resurrected Lord made other appearances subsequently: one week later to all the apostles including Thomas (Jn. 20:26-29); some time later to the apostles fishing at the Sea of Galilee (Jn. 21:1-23); later to the apostles on a mountain in Galilee (Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15-18); to the apostles in Jerusalem and the Mt. of Olives at His ascension (Mk. 16:19-20; Lk. 24:44-53; Ac. 1:3-9; to Peter (Lk. 24:34; 1 Co. 15:5); to more than 500 disciples (1 Co. 15:6); to James (1 Co. 15:7); and finally several years later, to Paul at his conversion (Ac. 9:1-19; 22:3-16; 26:9-18; 1 Co. 9:1).

³ Maundy Thursday—This may even be the oldest of the Holy Week celebrations. The term "Maundy" came through several European languages from the Latin word *mandatum* meaning "command." It refers to Jesus' new commandment in Jn. 13:34-35. It has often been observed with special celebrations of communion, foot washing ceremonies, and Passover seders. Sometimes it includes the giving of gifts to the poor.

Passion Week Chart

JEWISH DAYS	Day of Preparation (Friday)				Sabbath (Saturday)				First Day of the Week (Sunday)				Second Day of the Week (Monday)				
PERIOD	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET	
MODERN DAYS	THU	FRIDAY				SATURDAY				SUNDAY				MONDAY			

JEWISH DAYS	Third Day of the Week (Tuesday)				Fourth Day of the Week (Wednesday)				Fifth Day of the Week (Thursday)							
PERIOD	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET	EVENING	NIGHT	MORNING	AFTERNOON	SUNSET
MODERN DAYS	MON	TUESDAY				WEDNESDAY				THURSDAY						

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I can face tomorrow

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