

LUKE'S PROGRESS REPORTS IN ACTS

The progress reports are the pulse of the story. They provide summaries of the author's purpose and goal. They cast light on the entire narrative. The success of the Gospel is not the doing of any human hand, but is the deed of the Lord of history Himself.

1 1:1—2:47  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.2:47 “⁴²they continued steadfastly in the apostles' <u>doctrine</u>... ⁴⁷And the Lord <u>added</u> to the church daily those who were being saved” Introduction to the Gospel: The purpose of Acts and the first proclamation of the Gospel (Acts 1-2).	2 3:1—6:7  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.6:7 “Then the <u>word</u> of God <u>spread</u>, and the number of the disciples <u>multiplied greatly</u>...” Encounters with the Authorities in Jerusalem: The proclamation of the Gospel brings conflict with the leaders of Judaism, and especially the Sadducees.	3 6:8—9:31  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.9:31 “Then the churches throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and were <u>edified</u>. And ...they were <u>multiplied</u>.” The Gospel now spreads outside Jerusalem: Stephen is the first person to be killed for his faith, Philip takes the Gospel to Samaria and Ethiopia.;Saul is converted on the way to Damascus.	4 9:32—12:24  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.12:24 “But the <u>word</u> of God grew and <u>multiplied</u>” The First Gentiles: The Gospel is proclaimed to Cornelius. This is such a major step that a conference is held in Jerusalem.	5 12:25—16:5  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.16:5 “So the churches were <u>strengthened</u> in the faith, and <u>increased in number daily</u>” The Mission to Cyprus and Galatia: Paul and Barnabas travel to Cyprus, and the Governor believes the Gospel. They move to Galatia resulting in many congregations where every member is a Gentile. This resulted in another council in Jerusalem.	6 16:6—19:20  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.19:20 “So the <u>word</u> of the Lord <u>grew mightily</u> and prevailed” The Mission to Greece: Paul crosses into Europe and proclaims the Gospel in Macedonia and Greece.	7 19:21—28:31  PROGRESS REPORT Ac.28:30-31 “Paul... preaching the kingdom of God and <u>teaching</u> the things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ with all confidence, <u>no one forbidding him</u>” The Witness to Rome: Paul returns to Jerusalem where he is arrested and finally sent to Rome.
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