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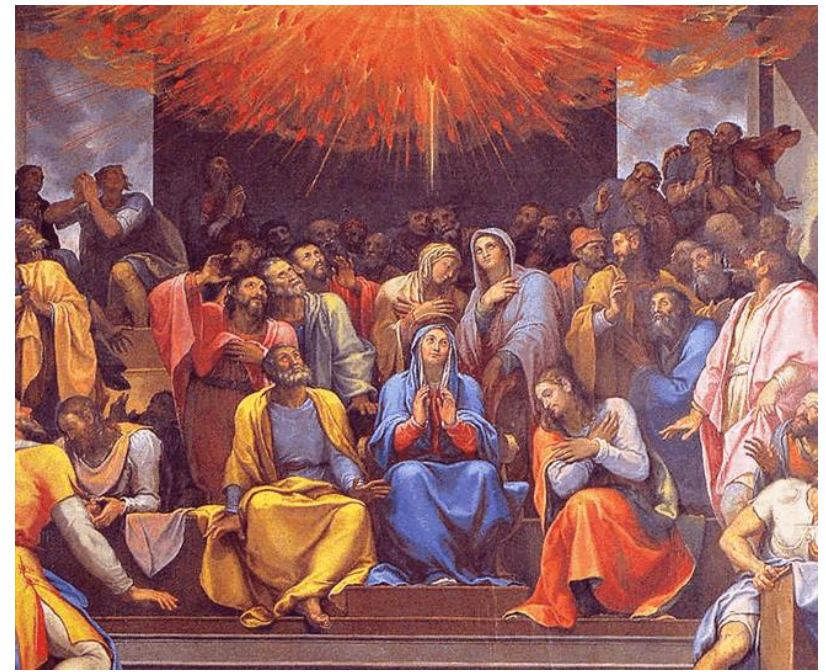
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The spread of the KINGDOM OF GOD through ordinary people
empowered by the HOLY SPIRIT





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The Context of ACTS

Author – Luke, physician

Date – Prior to 62 AD

Genre – narrative, tells a story

The Context of ACTS

Outline – Acts 1:8

- I. The establishment and growth of the Kingdom of God in Jerusalem,
Acts 1 – 8:3
- II. The Kingdom of God spreads to Judea and Samaria
Acts 8:4 – 12:25
- III. The Kingdom of God spreads to the ‘end of the earth’
Acts 13-28

The Context of ACTS

A narrative is DESCRIPTIVE not PRESCRIPTIVE

LOOK for:

- Principles
- Patterns

ASK “Is this:

- A norm to observe?”
- An option to consider?”
- A unique occurrence?”

The Main Character of ACTS

Categories of the work of the HOLY SPIRIT:

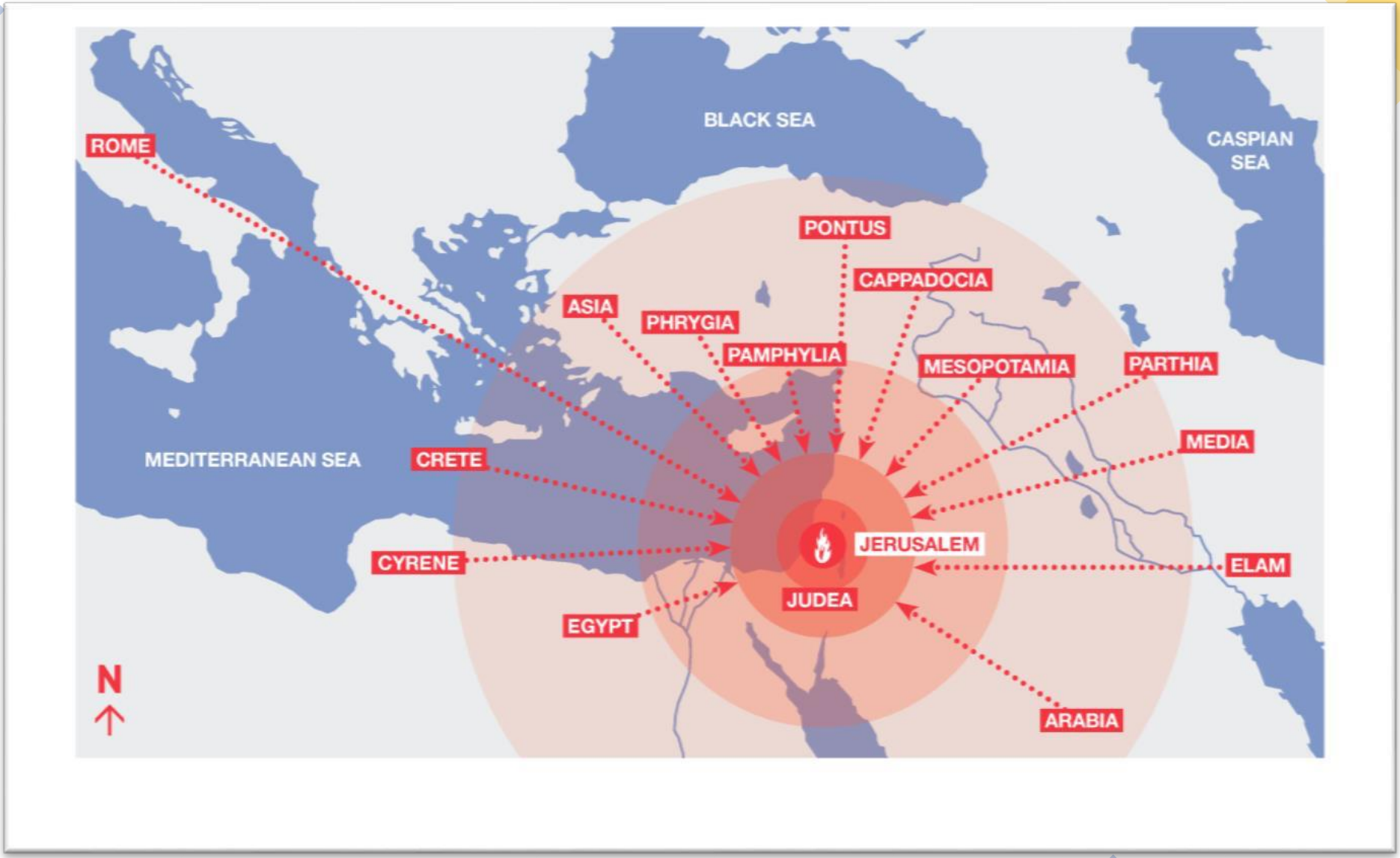
- Regeneration
- Inspiration and Illumination
- Sanctification
- Empowerment

WITNESS

Martys (Greek) – a living record of something; to give testimony of something personally experienced.

Since He's called the Comforter, Helper, or Counselor, many Christians assume that the Spirit's purpose is to be our servant and help us enjoy abundant life. **But that view is fundamentally inadequate.** Jesus sent the Spirit not for us (primarily), but for Him – to carry out His rule and authority in our lives.

--Henry Blackaby in *Experiencing the Spirit*



The Study

Based on the three principles of inductive Bible study:

- Comprehension – What does it say?
- Interpretation – What does it mean?
- Application – How should it change me?

What aspect of God's character has this week's passage of Acts shown you more clearly?

What one step can you take this week to better live in light of this truth?

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